



# RUGBY CLUB HIT AGAIN IN RAID

Report by Tom Oakley

**'LOWLIFE' yobs have ransacked Burntwood Rugby Club for the second time in just three weeks.**

Thieves first targeted the site, off Sportsway, at the beginning of the month.

Now, club members have again been left devastated after lead was stripped from the roof, tiles damaged, sweet machines and bar ruined. A window at the clubhouse was also smashed.

For the first raid on June 5, two thieves armed with crowbars covered their faces before smashing through the same window.

A post on the rugby club's Facebook page says: "It is with great regret that we have to inform you that Burntwood Rugby Club has been targeted for the second time in three weeks.

"Lead has been stripped from the roof, tiles damaged, sweet machines smashed, the bar ransacked.

"If you have any information which can assist in catching the lowlife scum that are responsibly please contact the police or the club direct on 01543 676651."

The raid took place at about 4.40am on Tuesday, when a member of the public spotted the thieves stripping lead from the roof. The offenders made a hole in the roof and entered the premises, causing extensive damage.

## Extensive

The men involved are still at large. Following the 'soul-destroying' raid, a selection of signed memorabilia has been donated to the club – to be auctioned off to help cover the costs incurred.

A second Facebook post reads: "We are so grateful for all the offers of help and messages of support from our local community.

"As much as these incidents are soul destroying to us as a club which in the majority is run by volunteers, we will not allow the vindictiveness of the minority to ruin our club or community."

Items being auctioned via the Facebook page include signed photographs of England 2001/3 World Cup winners Matt Dawson, James Leonard and Lawrence Dallaglio.

Staffordshire Police has confirmed it is investigating the incident.

Spokesman Michael Chipchase said: "It is not yet known what has been stolen from inside the building. The men are still at large. Any witnesses or anyone with information are asked to call 101 and quote incident number 88 of June 26." For details on bidding go to [www.facebook.com/BurntwoodRugbyClub](http://www.facebook.com/BurntwoodRugbyClub)

## ARTISTS WILL BE ROCKING ALL OVER THE CHASE



Paul Heaton will perform with Jacqui Abbott

THOUSANDS of music fans will be heading for Cannock Chase this weekend for three sold-out Forest Live gigs.

The sun is set to shine on the crowds at the outdoor shows which will see the return of Paloma Faith tomorrow (Friday) and Paul Heaton and Jacqui Abbott for the second year running on Saturday.

Singer/songwriter George Ezra – heading for the top spot in the charts this weekend – makes his debut on The Chase on Sunday, although he was down the road at Staffordshire's Weston Park for the V Festival last year.

Headlining acts are due to hit the stage at around 9pm each day and finish around 10.30pm. Music veteran Billy Bragg sup-



Paloma Faith at a previous Chase concert

By David Banner

ports Heaton and Abbott and will be on stage around 7.20pm.

Paloma, who was top of the album charts with latest album *The Architect*, has already played three sold-out Forest Live shows this month. She will be supported by Liam Bailey.

Heaton and Abbott played a sold-out gig at Dalby Forest in Yorkshire last weekend having been forced to cancel a performance in Bedgebury Pinetum in Kent on June 16 due to Abbott suffering severe back pain. The duo resumed their partnership last year for their third collaborative record, *Crooked Calypso*.

Meanwhile, with chart-topping second



George Ezra makes his Chase debut

album *Staying At Tamara's* under his belt, Ezra has played sold-out Forest Live gigs at Dalby Forest and Westonbirt Arboretum near Tetbury on the last two weekends. The glorious summer weather is currently forecast to continue into the weekend. Car parks at the Birches Valley venue open at 5pm and the arena at 6pm.

Since 2006 the annual outdoor Forest Live concerts have been raising funds for The Forestry Commission and attract some 15,000 people over the three nights. Previously acts include Sir Tom Jones, Robert Plant, Blondie, Kaiser Chiefs, Jessie J, Paul Weller and Elbow. For more details and what can be taken into the venue visit [www.forestry.gov.uk](http://www.forestry.gov.uk)

## POLICE

### Chief condemns assaults on nine police officers

POLICE officers were punched, kicked, scratched and spat over the weekend.

In all, nine Staffordshire officers were assaulted while carrying out their duties. None was seriously injured.

The assaults happened across the county between Friday afternoon and the early hours of Monday.

Chief Constable Gareth Morgan highlighted the incidents on social media. In a statement he strongly condemned the attacks – insisting the behaviour 'will not be tolerated'.

He said: "Those involved in such assaults show a complete lack of respect for the men and women doing their jobs to protect and serve local communities.

"This sort of behaviour is despicable, and abuse of our officers will not be tolerated. We will do everything in our power to bring to justice anyone who carries out any assault on a police officer.

"Drink appears to be a major factor. Public servants are not punchbags."

It comes as Mr Morgan revealed an officer was being assaulted while on duty in Staffordshire every day in November. He said he started writing to magistrates and judges about the impact the offences are having on the county force after becoming so appalled by the situation.

## PARADE

### Carnival capers as village stage is set

GREAT Wyrley's popular summer carnival and parade takes place on Saturday.

The carnival procession starts at noon at The Star field off Hazel Lane.

Once back at the field, behind The Star pub, entertainment will include a dog show, funfair and marching bands, with the arena line-up starting at 1pm.

For more details visit the Great Wyrley Carnival Facebook page.

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# Theatre date for Osmonds' Jimmy



'Little' Jimmy Osmond

LEGENDARY singer Jimmy Osmond performs in Cannock later this year, as part of his 70s Jukebox Show that is touring the country.

Just a month before his fourth birthday, the world was introduced to Jimmy Osmond as he sang on the hugely popular Andy Williams Show. As Little Jimmy Osmond he went on to have the Christmas No1 in 1972 with Long Haired Lover From Liverpool at the age of nine, establishing a record as the youngest person to top the UK charts.

Nearly 50 years later, with 59 gold and platinum records and other promi-

nent awards to their credit, the story of the Osmond family is epic in the annals of popular music which the fans just keep on enjoying.

The show reaches the Prince of Wales Centre, Church Street, on September 16 and includes nostalgic videos and stories of his superstar friends. It includes a seven-piece band with a horn section, singers and dancers and will feature classics from the likes of Earth Wind & Fire, The Bee Gees, Elvis and The Jacksons and including The Osmonds hits such as Love Me For A Reason and Crazy Horses as well as his own festive

# Fresh hope for parents on inquest for Jonnie

THE parents of a three-year-old boy who died at a hospital say they are one step closer to uncovering the truth of what happened to him after their fight for a new inquest was taken to the High Court.

John Meek and April Keeling, from Cannock, dispute the findings of an original inquest which found their son Jonnie died of natural causes.

They insist his death at Stafford Hospital was caused by a reaction to milk and have been given the green light by the Solicitor General to make an application to the High Court for a fresh inquest to re-examine the cause.

Jonnie, who was severely disabled, died at Stafford Hospital in August 2014.

## Answers

He attended a pre-booked appointment to trial a new milk formula but died three hours after arriving.

His father John, 44, said the couple hoped they were closer to getting answers about what really happened.

He said: "It's great news for us; where we are at the moment. It is a big step.

"We have now got to go to the High Court and request for the verdict to be quashed.

"It's hard to put into words, it has been a lot of work."

John and April were left devastated by the coroner's ruling that nobody was at fault for Jonnie's death. John said: "That conclusion was just ridiculous.

"When we got the conclusion of natural causes, pneumonia, it was just shocking.

"A lot of people would have said



April Keeling and John Meek, from Cannock with a photo of their son Jonnie

fine, you don't get a second one but we have just chased it. We could have left it but it would have been on our minds for the rest of our lives.

"Two doctors who gave care to him on the day didn't give evidence, it was bizarre.

"We have a doctor and a pathologist saying it was milk, it is a stronger

situation than it was. Hopefully we will get the truth." He added: "It would be nice to get closure but I don't think we will ever get full closure.

"We are never going to forget him, nor would we want to.

"It was an insult to him. It was bad enough what happened, then to get

the inquest it was unacceptable. It is really good news, it's what we want but it's still a sad situation."

John and April, 31, are adamant Jonnie died from a reaction to a new milk feed put into his stomach and that warning signs including the youngster projectile vomiting were missed by staff.

# Arboretum leads Armed Forces Day celebrations

STAFFORDSHIRE will pay tribute to service personnel this weekend, as the county celebrates Armed Forces Day.

The National Memorial Arboretum at Alrewas will lead the commemorations on Saturday with a special remembrance parade and service and a weekend of family activities. Events to mark the day will also take place in towns and villages while the county council will fly the Armed Forces flag from its ceremonial County Buildings in Stafford.

County council chairman Councillor Michael Greaterex said: "I do hope people will join me on this special day. We will be proudly flying the Armed Forces flag to show our support and I would encourage people to take a few moments to think about their hard work, dedication and efforts to keep us all safe."

Council leader Councillor Philip Atkins said: "As a big supporter of the forces I hope people will join the county council in showing our support for the brave men and women who make up the Armed Forces community.

"With an increasing number of military personnel in the county, it's vital we continue to support our Armed Forces and their families in whatever way we can."

The Arboretum has a host of family activities taking place across the weekend, including a special Armed Forces Day parade and service, RAF flypasts, Veterans Village and a service of tribute on Saturday.

Visit [www.thenma.org.uk](http://www.thenma.org.uk)

# In a flutter over wind-up letter

A PENKRIDGE villager got one over a friend with a wind-up letter over the displaying of St George's flags - and then posted it on social media.

The victim was targeted with a 'Notice of Removal' letter, giving seven days to remove the flags, headed with a South Staffordshire Council logo.

The letter tells the victim that the 'numerous' flags on his property had been brought to the council's attention. It adds: "We would like to remind you of your multicultural and social responsibilities of being a resident. The flags may cause harm or offence."

The recipient said: "It was a wind-up from a mate."

# Sappers meeting

THE monthly meeting of the Cannock branch of the Royal Engineers Association takes place on Monday, July 2 from 8pm at the Ex-Services Club, Walsall Road, Cannock. All Sappers are welcome to attend.

For further information regarding the branch call 01543 423319.



# MP insists he remains 'completely loyal' to PM

DEFENCE secretary Gavin Williamson says he remains 'completely loyal' to Theresa May following reports he had threatened to topple the Prime Minister.

Reports have suggested the Defence Secretary is behind a plot to bring down Mrs May unless the defence budget is increased by up to £20 billion over the next decade.

South Staffordshire MP Mr Williamson, whose constituency includes Great Wyrley and Cheslyn Hay, reportedly told military chiefs: "I made her – and I can break her."

But a source close to the row insists the MP remains 'completely loyal' to the Prime Minister.

"The Defence Secretary is passionate about the future of Britain's military, but it is absolutely absurd to suggest that he is behind a plan to bring her down," said the source.

"He has been one of her biggest supporters and remains completely loyal. It is nonsense to say anything to the contrary."

Mr Williamson was Mrs May's parliamentary campaign manager for her successful leadership bid in 2016. He never lost a vote during a 16-month tenure as Chief Whip, during which time he secured the backing of the DUP after Mrs May lost her majority at last year's snap general election. He was appointed Defence Secretary in November.

Mr Williamson is due to meet Chancellor Philip Hammond over the next 10 days in an attempt to secure concessions ahead of a Nato summit in Brussels in July.

But a meeting with Mrs May and the Chancellor last week is said to have ended without the promise of further funding.

## Comedy club is set for lift-off

A NEW comedy club is set to launch later this year.

Comedians Tony Law, Stuart Goldsmith and Sarah Keyworth will be performing at the Rugeley Rose Theatre in Taylor's Lane from 7pm to 10.30pm on September 7 for the launch night.

The event is being organised by Woosah Comedy Club. Tickets are available at woosahcomedyclub.com.

## Charity gin night

A GIN night will raise money for the Stafford and Cannock League of Hospital Friends. It is at Slater's Bar, Gaolgate Street, Stafford, on July 23. Tickets are £15. E-mail enquiries@sclohf.co.uk or call 01785 413233.

# Hall scores with footballer's wife tale



Lady Mabel Bridgman

ON the back of Harry Kane's World Cup heroics, another English footballing hero has been discovered in the most unlikely of places.

The iconic stately home, Weston Park, on the Shropshire/Staffordshire border, has made a World Cup discovery in the story of Lady Mabel Bridgman, who may have been one of the first celebrity footballer's wives.

Lady Bridgman was born in 1855 to the 3rd Earl and Countess of Bradford who lived at Weston Park.

She married William Kenyon-Slaney in 1887, who was a member of a distinguished

Shropshire family and notable sportsman. He was a keen footballer and scored twice for England in a 4-2 win over Scotland in the second ever football international on March 8 1873.

Gareth Williams, curator and head of learning at the Weston Park Foundation, said: "By the time they married William's footballing career was over and he was serving as MP for Newport, Shropshire. The Kenyon-Slaneys and their ancestors were noted for their involvement in philanthropic causes including an early involvement in the Much Wenlock Olympic Games. Lady Mabel herself ran a field

hospital at her husband's family home during the First World War. She mixed in the same circles as the Royal family and was much mourned when she passed away in 1933 aged 77."

Weston Park is celebrating the 100th anniversary of female suffrage by telling the story of its remarkable women through the centuries, from Lady Elizabeth Wilbraham who built the house in 1671 to the curator Countess Ida who catalogued the collection in watercolours in the 1920s."

Gareth added: "Telling the story of Lady Mabel in a World Cup year felt especially relevant."

# £38m cashpot agreed for road improvements

**MORE than £38million of funding is to be pumped into Staffordshire's road network.**

The funding, to improve and maintain the county's roads, was approved by Staffordshire County Council at a cabinet meeting last week. It includes the additional £5m already pledged to repair crumbling highways across the county.

The Cannock Chase district has been particularly hit by potholes with The Chronicle launching a campaign to get them fixed. On one busy island, at Five Ways, motorists reported nearly 40 potholes.

At last week's cabinet meeting, it was agreed that more than £30million will be spent on ongoing road maintenance and repairs, with the remainder funding a range of improvement and safety schemes across the county.

### Towpath

Improvement schemes planned for this financial year include areas around Cannock and Penkridge rail stations. Walking and cycling improvements will be carried along the River Sow in Stafford, between Burntwood and Chasewater and along the towpath near Fradley Park, Lichfield.

Staffordshire County Council's cabinet member for highways and transport Helen Fisher said: "Good roads are important for communities and for businesses, not just for getting from A to B safely, but for supporting economic growth and better access to jobs, education and learning."

"Maintaining and investing in our huge 6,000km road network, at a time of enormous pressure on council budgets, remains an issue."

"We are spending more every year on social care and when the income we receive from Government is reducing we have to strike a careful balance on where we spend taxpayers' money."

"We have committed an extra £5m this year to go some way to tackling the historic backlog of low-risk potholes and this annual plan sets out priorities for further maintenance and investment in our roads," Councillor Fisher added.

## Extent of damage in rugby club raid



Thieves took a shot at the CCTV

THIS was the damage caused by raiders who targeted a rugby club for the second time this month.

The raid, at Burntwood Rugby Club, followed a break-in at the site, at Sportsway, on June 5.

It is not yet known what was taken in the raid, early on Tuesday morning. However, lead was



The offenders smashed a window

stripped from the roof, tiles damaged, sweet machines and the bar ruined. The culprits also smashed a window and damaged CCTV cameras.

The club took, to Facebook to reveal the extent of the break-in.

An auction is being held to raise money towards covering costs of



The roof was stripped of lead

the damage. The offenders have yet to be caught, but Staffordshire Police is investigating.

Anyone with information about the raid, which occurred about 4.40am is asked to call police on 101 and quote incident number 88 of June 26 or call the club direct on 01543 676651

## NEWS IN BRIEF

### Pair facing court on drugs charges

A PAIR of men have been charged with drugs and weapons offences following an intelligence-led operation in Hednesford.

The arrests were made at 11am in Market Street on Saturday, June 23.

Brie Rutherford-Martell, aged 19, from Birmingham, was charged with two counts of possession with intent to supply Class A drugs – cocaine and heroin – together with possession of a knife blade in a public place.

Akheel Andrews, aged 18, from West Bromwich was charged with being concerned in the supply of cocaine and heroin and possession with intent to supply Class A drugs – mainly cocaine.

The men appeared before Magistrates at the North Staffordshire Justice Centre on Monday morning and have been remanded to Stafford Crown Court on July 27.

### Quiz night to net tennis club funds

A TENNIS club hopes to net cash to improve its facilities at a fundraising quiz night.

Cheslyn Hay Tennis Club is hosting the quiz at Hawkins Sports & Social Club, Coppice Lane, from 7.30pm on July 13.

There will be questions for all ages and on all subjects with a prize for winning team plus a raffle. Teams of between four and six people can enter with fees of £3 for children and £5 for adults to include food.

Complete the entry form at [http://www.cheslynhaytennis.com/uploads/1/6/0/2/16029054/quiz\\_night\\_entry\\_form.pdf](http://www.cheslynhaytennis.com/uploads/1/6/0/2/16029054/quiz_night_entry_form.pdf) before July 4.

Email [kimwilliams250@talktalk.net](mailto:kimwilliams250@talktalk.net) for more details.

### Annual family fun day opened by MP

A FAMILY fun day is being held as part of the annual Burntwood Wakes Festival this weekend.

The free event runs at Burntwood Leisure Centre, High Street, Chase-town, from noon to 4pm on Saturday.

Opened by MP Michael Fabricant, there will be rides, a mini zoo, Punch & Judy and bird of prey displays.

### Church visitors can enjoy strawberry tea

A STRAWBERRY tea is on offer at a Heath Hayes church next weekend.

It is being held at Bourne Methodist, Hednesford Road, from 2.30pm on Saturday, July 7.

Refreshments will be available at various prices and there will be cake and book stalls as well as a raffle.

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## COUNTY NEWS

### Mortgage cheaper than rent – expert

THE average first-time buyer in the West Midlands can save nearly £1,000 a year once on the property ladder rather than renting. A Santander study found that across the UK first-time buyers would have lower monthly outgoings if they bought a property.

In every region of the UK, average monthly rental prices surpass average mortgage repayments. The UK average is £2,268 and for the West Midlands it is £996. The region's average rent is £679 a month, average house price for first-time buyers is £168,287 with monthly mortgage repayments £596 leaving buyers £83 a month better off.

### Public services staff face costs

HIGH rental costs mean many public service employees in the West Midlands are spending more than a third of their wages on rent, according to new research.

Hospital porters are struggling the most, with rents swallowing up more than half of their take-home pay in 32 out of 33 local authority areas in the West Midlands, the Unison union said.

Findings are based on the average private rent for a one-bedroom property in each local authority area, compared with pay for some public sector jobs. Regionally, South Staffordshire is the most expensive area to live, followed by Sandwell and Stafford.

### Rocker goes solo for acoustic show

THE former frontman of alternative rock band Mansun is to play in Wolverhampton on his first acoustic tour later this year. Singer and guitarist Paul Draper appears at Newhampton Arts Centre on November 15. He will be performing with guitarist Ben Sin and the concert will feature Mansun material and his latest solo songs.

Former in 1995, Mansun released three studio albums. Tickets are £15 and are now on sale from [www.newhamptonarts.co.uk](http://www.newhamptonarts.co.uk).

### Dream of a show due at museum

A STORY of love, intrigue, magic and celebration will be taking centre stage in Bewdley next month.

The famous William Shakespeare play, A Midsummer Night's Dream, comes to Bewdley Museum on Sunday, July 1, from 5.30pm.

Tickets cost £12 for adults and £8 for children. To buy tickets, visit [www.bewdleymuseum.co.uk](http://www.bewdleymuseum.co.uk).

# Woolly mammoth's tusk found in quarry

MAMMOTH tusk remains have been found in a Staffordshire quarry by a team of archaeologists.

Experts from the Worcestershire Archive and Archaeology Service uncovered the fragments at the Whittemore Haye quarry, near Alrewas.

The remains, which are believed to date back around 12,000 years, were found two days before a new exhibition was due to be launched at The Hive

library in Worcester. The fragments were found by a quarry worker on the Tarmac-operated site.

Rob Hedge, of the Worcestershire Archive and Archaeology Service, who worked to bring the remains to the Ice Age exhibition at the library, said:

"The discovery is close to where last month we found a woolly mammoth radius, which is the leg bone.

"The tusk is very fragmented. It was

found quite deep in the gravel. It is really exciting. We have had more complete tusks from this region but even though this one is in bits we are able to see the structure of the tusk and it is quite small."

The bone found was believed to have been a woolly mammoth's elbow or lower front leg bone. The fragments are on show in 'Lost Landscapes: The story of the Ice Age' until September 8.



Tusk remains @ExploreThePast

# MP sex abuse accuser will not be prosecuted

By Alex Ross

**A WOMAN who accused a former MP of sexual abuse will not face prosecution for perverting the course of justice.**

Staffordshire Police said there was "insufficient evidence for a realistic prospect of conviction" against Esther Baker, and no action would be taken.

The decision was described as "bizarre" by the former Liberal Democrat MP John Hemming.

Ms Baker, aged 36, alleged three years ago that the MP sexually abused her on Cannock Chase in the 1980s and 90s. She waived her right to anonymity to get a television interview about her alleged ordeal. But the Crown Prosecution Service ruled last year there was insufficient evidence and Mr Hemming was never charged.

### Review

Mr Hemming said he was meeting with police to discuss the decision and was considering launching a judicial review into the decision. He could also launch his own private prosecution.

He said: "The authorities decided at the start the allegations were false. But it has taken three years, and in that time I have had death threats.

"Now the police have decided to use a bizarre reason of deciding there is not the evidence before investigation on a case against her. What message does this send out? That fantasists can make up accusations like this?"

Earlier this year, Mr Hemming, former MP for Birmingham Yardley, wrote to the Director of Public Prosecutions to complain about how the allegations against him were handled.

Miss Baker grew up in Walsall and now works as a betting shop manager in Liverpool. She is also considering legal options going forward.

## Winners fly high at ambulance awards



From left, Vernon Kay, Jeremy Bailey, award winner James Williams, Paul Chuckle, Nina Hossain

A CANNOCK teenager was among the winners as inspirational people from across the Black Country and Staffordshire were praised for their fundraising efforts.

James Williams was awarded Young Fundraiser of the Year at the Midlands Air Ambulance Recognition Awards and Charity Ball. Her has supported Midlands Air Ambulance Charity for a number of years.

He volunteers at various events and even donated his 16th birthday money to the charity.

The awards and ball raised more than £130,000, an amount that will fundraise 52-life-saving missions. They were hosted by broadcaster Vernon Kay and newsreader Nina Hossain at The Vox Convention Centre at Resorts World in Birmingham on June 15.

Nine awards in all were handed out. Air Ambulance Pilot of the Year was awarded to Captain Chris Levey, from Stafford, while Ian Roberts, from Bewdley, was

awarded Clinician of the Year. Social Responsibility of the Year was given to jewellers, and the awards' main sponsor, T.H.Baker, based in the Black Country. The company, run by brothers Andrew and Phil Higgs, has raised more than £50,000 for the life-saving service in the past four years alone.

Celebrity supporters of the charity also turned out including Chuckle Brother Paul, Strictly Come Dancing's Gorka Marquez, Emmerdale actress Gemma Atkinson, comedian Joe Lycett and Hollyoaks stars, including Will Mellor, Nick Pickard and Jamie Lomas, along with Wolverhampton hairdressers/Real Housewives of Cheshire stars Royston Blythe and Nick Malenko.

Hanna Sebright, chief executive of Midlands Air Ambulance Charity, said: "It's been another wonderful ball. Funds raised will enable Midlands Air Ambulance Charity to continue to develop our vital life-saving service."

# Fraudsters targeting old victims warn police

STAFFORDSHIRE Police has warned that fraudsters are targeting former victims of online scams.

The force says there has been a growing number of fraudsters re-targeting previous victims of Computer Software Service Fraud, where a victim is contacted, told there is a problem with their computer, and is charged a fee for the issue to be resolved. The aim of the scam is to gain remote access to the victim's computer and access their online banking account. The victims will often be cold-called or will receive a pop-up on their computer, prompting them to phone the suspect.

Community Engagement Officer Paula James said: "We would always advise the following: If you receive such an unsolicited call or pop-up, do not make a payment. Always ensure you know who you are talking to. If in doubt, hang up immediately.

"Do not allow remote access to your computer. Under no circumstances would a genuine bank, or another trusted organisation, force you to make a financial transaction on the spot; they would never ask you to transfer money into another account. Remember to stop and take time to carefully consider your actions.

"Listen to your instincts. If something feels wrong then it is usually right to question it. Criminals may lull you into a false sense of security or rely on your defences being down when you're in the comfort of your own home. They may appear trustworthy, but they may not be who they claim to be."

Victims are asked to contact Action Fraud on 0300 123 2040.

## 1,800 names on A-board petition

HUNDREDS of people have added their names to a petition protesting about charges for A-boards outside businesses in the Cannock Chase district. At the start of this week, the petition at [change.org](http://change.org) had 1,803 names.

Cannock Chase MP Amanda Milling, who launched the petition, said: "The Labour-led District Council have introduced charges for town centre businesses who want to display A-boards and have street furniture outside their businesses.

"The policy is a direct tax on local small businesses in Cannock Chase and in danger of further undermining our town centres. These charges are anti-small business and are driving independent businesses away from our town centres at a time when we should be supporting them."

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# Support to help patients breathe more easily

MEDICAL leaders throughout Stoke-on-Trent and Staffordshire have been supporting the British Lung Foundation's Breathe Easy Week, which runs until Sunday.

The week highlights issues associated with lung conditions such as asthma and Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease COPD.

Tackling these conditions and improving how they are managed is a priority to the county's clinical commissioners who are currently developing a Staffordshire-wide respiratory strategy.

Dr Mukesh Singh is a senior partner in the Horse Fair Practice in Rugeley and has a special interest in respiratory conditions. He is also the Respiratory lead for Staffordshire STP. He said: "Any condition which causes difficulty in breathing is very distressing. That is why we want to prevent patients getting these conditions and help get an early and accurate diagnosis if they do have them.

"There is also a lot patients can do to help manage their condition. For instance, many are afraid if they exercise it will make them breathless, whilst in fact exercise is positive and becoming fitter will help patients to be less out of breath."

Another priority is to ensure everyone across Stoke-on-Trent and Staffordshire has the same access to services.

## Police alert after car crime spate

RESIDENTS have been told to stay vigilant after a spate of vehicle crime in Cannock.

The latest incident was reported in Manor Avenue when two offenders were caught on CCTV trying car doors at 4am on Thursday.

Police also received reports of vehicles being broken into – one overnight on Tuesday evening, with a further two reports on Wednesday night and Thursday morning.

PCSO Megan McAndrew said: "Please ensure all valuables are removed from vehicles – including purses, wallets, banks cards, designer sunglasses and sat navs."

There have also been a number break-ins, with the latest being units in Lower Road, Hednesford.

## Group's next walk

CHASE Ramblers' walk this Sunday is a 10½-mile strenuous route to Stiperstones from Bridges Inn, meeting at Hednesford railway station car park for an 8.30am prompt departure. For details call 01543 684254.

# Send your prom prints – and princesses



Youngsters dressed up for their prom

THE school discos of our yesteryear are well and truly assigned to the history books for the modern generation.

When school's out for students today they do not head for the hall in jeans and T-shirt to enjoy warm pop and a 'funky' teacher hitting the decks.

Instead, they put on their ball-gowns and black tie glamour for a night to remember – the school prom.

Dress hunting is a serious business as all girls want to be the belle of the ball. And it's not just about dressing to impress. Transport is almost as im-

portant as youngsters strive to make the biggest impression. So how much is this fairytale once-in-a-lifetime evening likely to set parents back? Well latest figures suggest we will spend an average of £500 on a daughter for prom night – and many will spend that on the dress alone.

But with a tear in their eye and proudly clicking away with the camera, most parents will no doubt think it is money well spent as they wave off their stunning prom-goers. We would like to see your beautiful prom-ising princesses and princes.

Share your prom experience with us – the dresses, the motors and the school pals together for perhaps one last time.

Send us your pictures from these milestone events and we will carry as many as possible in the paper. You've dressed to impress so why not enjoy your moment in the spotlight in print?

Email your picture with names of those in the snapshot as well as details of the school and where the event took place to sue.attwater@expres sandstar.co.uk

# Green light for homes at major factory site

**PLANS to build nearly 200 homes on the site of a major factory in Cannock have been given the go-ahead by councillors.**

Car parts manufacturer Gestamp Tallent, one of the town's largest employers, is moving to a new £70 million site at Four Ashes. Its current Wolverhampton Road factory will be demolished to make way for 180 homes and 30,000 sq ft of employment space.

The factory site will be transformed, making way for the housing development and a huge area of new employment space, potentially bringing hundreds of jobs.

The scheme was unanimously backed by planning committee members at Cannock Chase District Council last week, despite concerns locally over noise and traffic.

## Affordable

Will Brearley, of CT Planning, acting on behalf of Gestamp, said: "The applicant is fully aware of the housing issues across the country and specifically within the district. The staff by-and-large live within Cannock and the surrounding areas.

"Consequently the application is presented this afternoon on the basis of providing five per cent affordable housing. That will be nine affordable dwellings should 180 be built."

Committee chairman Sheila Cartwright said they would have liked more social housing provision, but were happy. "I think if they had not of come up with those nine, they would have refused it again," she said.

"It is great that they have come up with nine. It's just great because we need the houses in Cannock Chase. There are that many people on the waiting list for social housing."

She added: "We would have liked more but we are grateful for what we have got. Nine is better than nothing at the end of the day. It's a good thing for Cannock Chase because it is a big workforce."

During the meeting the letter of a nearby resident was read out raising concerns the new homes could bring 'traffic chaos' to the area.

## Korma on England! Kane's on fire



Head waiter Shabul Miah and Dilshad owner Tony Uddin. Inset: Harry Kane

AN Indian restaurant is delighted to be counting the cost of Harry Kane's World Cup goalscoring success after naming a curry after him.

The Kane Korma is one of three special dishes named after England strikers on offer at the Dilshad in Cannock Road, Chads Moor, during the World Cup. It is also offering the Vardy Vindaloo and Rashford Rogan Josh.

Customers buying a Kane Korma receive a main course whenever the Eng-

land captain scores, a two course meal if he nets a brace and three courses for a hat-trick. The Tottenham striker has scored five times so far, with two against Tunisia and a hat-trick against Panama, so the Dilshad has been handing out a number of free meals.

Owner Tony Uddin said: "Harry Kane is costing us a fortune as we are having to give out lots of free meals. But we are absolutely delighted that England are doing so well."



## NEWS IN BRIEF

### Concert tribute held for musician

A TRIBUTE concert to a Cannock musician is being held next week.

Alan Williams was a well-known musician, starting in his youth with the Salvation Army Band and going on to teach music and conduct choirs and singing groups around the area. Many will remember the Cannock Operatic Society Shows.

Salvation Army Band and St Stephen's Choir will join to perform the concert in his memory at St Stephen's Church, Bideford Way, Cannock on Friday, July 6 at 7.30pm.

Tickets are £5 and include light refreshments, and are available from choir members or on the door.

### Coroner in appeal to trace relatives

A CORONER is searching for the relatives of a 61-year-old man.

James Daly died at Kerry Court, in Sutton Road, Walsall, on June 11, and his family have been urged to get in touch.

Anyone who can help should call Black Country coroner's officer Rachel Simmons on 0121 569 7200.

Meanwhile, relatives of a Walsall woman are being sought.

Margaret Clayton, 67, died at her home in Lichfield Road on June 11.

Call the Black Country coroner's office on 0121 569 6985.

### Barbecues offer safer riding tips

BIKERS from across Staffordshire can learn about safer riding at a series of barbecues.

The Biker BBQ events are being rolled out by the Staffordshire Safer Roads Partnership. They will give bikers of all ages the chance to meet the road safety team and partners, with the chance of accessing training and advice on safer riding.

The next event will be held at Port Vale Football Club on July 4 from 6-9pm. For further details, email bikers@staffordshire.gov.uk or call 07855 336922.

### Clubs to host Two Lions beer festival

A TWO-DAY beer festival is being held in Huntington this weekend.

Cannock Lions Club and Cannock Rugby Club – known as The Lions – have joined forces for the Two Lions event tomorrow (Friday) and Saturday. It is being held at the rugby club's Morgan Ground in Stafford Road.

The festival runs from 7pm tomorrow and from midday to midnight on Saturday with admission £2. There will be live music each day.

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## IN MY VIEW

with Mark Andrews



# 'Hygiene poverty' is a real stinker

THIS sounds like something out of Oliver Twist, but Staffordshire headmistress Nicola Finney says she has spent hundreds of pounds of her own money on soap, deodorant and toothpaste for pupils who repeatedly turn up to school in a filthy state.

According to the charity In Kind, she is not alone. A survey it carried out revealed that 36 per cent of teachers who responded provided toothpaste, 29 per cent had bought soap, and 27 had bought treatments for head lice, or nits as they used to be known. Perhaps the words "who responded" are crucial to the reliability of that survey, but nevertheless it is shocking that in this day and age children are being sent to school smelly and unwashed.

The survey says "hygiene poverty" is a growing problem in Britain's schools, with a growing number of parents unable to afford basic washing products. I do think it would be interesting, though, if, at the same time, those who commissioned the survey had dug a little deeper and spoken to the parents about the reasons why they were unable to ensure their children went to school in a respectable state.

For example, how many of those claiming their children are too poor to wash have flat-screen TVs, for example? Do they have mobile phones, home computers? Do they smoke or drink? If so, I would have thought that personal hygiene was surely more of a priority.

Perhaps I'm being uncharitable, but a quick look on the Aldi website reveals that you can buy a bottle of shower gel for 33p, four bars of soap for 59p, and roll-on deodorants for 45p. We're hardly talking big-ticket items here.

I'm pretty sure that even during the Great Depression, when there was hardship unlike anything we term as poverty today, most parents would have managed to make sure their children washed before they went to school.

Miss Finney is clearly a very kind, dedicated headmistress, and her pupils are lucky to have somebody who cares so much about their welfare.

But at the same time I do worry that in hiding behind terminology such as "hygiene poverty", we are simply making excuses for bad parenting which, at its most extreme, is tantamount to child abuse.

More than that, I can't help but think that it is a great insult to the vast majority of parents on low incomes who would willingly starve than subject their children to the indignity of having their teachers issuing them with soap.

## Millions watch TV from Russia with love for football



Harry Kane in Volgograd, where only 3,000 fans turned up, and only 2,000 to watch Panama



Prince Charles – maybe hoping to boost his green credentials with a Tesla electric car?



Phillip Lee – one of those who fell on his sword over the ongoing Brexit unrest in Parliament

# Will Kane be able to bring out the fans?

POLITICAL terms of our time. Meaningful Vote: an opportunity for the Brexit vote of 17.4 million Britons to be overturned by a few dozen Remain MPs – in the name of democracy. Fudged a few days ago but still lurking.

LOVED the opening line on The World at One (Radio 4): "Canada has legalised cannabis. We'll be speaking to the high commissioner."

I WROTE recently that in more than 40 years in journalism, I had yet to hear a single reader complain about being a victim of upskirting. A correspondent says this is because it's a modern crime, made possible by tiny cameras. He may have a point. In ye olden days, even if you managed to smuggle your glass-plate camera and tripod under a lady's crinoline, the explosion of magnesium flash-powder was a dead giveaway.

THE shortest and most thought-provoking comment on taking photographs up ladies' skirts came in an online debate this week: "Upskirt. Wimbledon."

STRANGE, isn't it, that while around 2,000 England fans have travelled to the latest World Cup game against Panama in Russia, up to 25 million viewers are reckoned to have tuned in to see Harry Kane's heroic hat-trick in the England v Panama match? I bet the answer is that while the beautiful game has lost none of its fascination, there's deep unease about endorsing Russia in any way.

THE Salisbury nerve-agent affair may be part of the explanation for the low turnout of World Cup

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fans. But, while the jury is still out on that incident, a full international inquiry has left no doubt that Russia has blood on its hands for shooting down Flight MH17 over Ukraine in 2014, and killing 298 innocents. Maybe it's that casual act of mass murder, or maybe fear of Russian hooligans, that keeps supporters out of Russia.

I SUGGESTED we might celebrate Brexit Day next March by setting off fireworks. A reader takes me to task: "Why would you like to terrorise animals around the country by such an antic?" What animals? As all serious Remoaners know, by the time we leave the EU the economy will have collapsed, we'll all be living in mud huts scavenging for food and all the cows, sheep, cats, rats, dogs and hamsters will have been eaten long ago. Our rockets will fall harmlessly into a bleak and blasted apocalyptic landscape. Or am I thinking of the millennium bug?

I HAVE no idea how this got past the marketing people but I see the Arla dairy co-operative is selling "Farmers Own Milk." Arla is based in Leeds but doesn't it put you in mind of Royston Vasey?

HALF a page of the Daily Telegraph was devoted to a report about the Prince of Wales hoping to acquire an American electric car, the Tesla.

We were informed that Prince Charles' people have been speaking to Tesla for more than a year about the acquisition. Very odd. Buying cars is normally quick and simple. So what can the hold-up be? Unless, of course, this is not a sale at all but a freebie arrangement in which Tesla supplies the car, HRH polishes his green credentials by saying nice things about electric vehicles and the Telegraph splashes what is in effect a free advert.

ON the same day, quite by chance, my electricity bill arrived. It's a reminder that electric cars are clean and green only if they are powered by clean, green electricity. In 2016-17 less than a quarter of UK electricity came from renewable sources and more than half came from nasty ol' planet-warming coal and gas. Put that in your Tesla and burn it.

THE Guardian reports that in a question-and-answer session at the Labour Live "Jezfest," a former councillor candidate called for "specific mental-health resources for people who have stood in elections and failed to win."

AS this Brexit debate reaches its climax, watch out for more ritual falling on swords, as performed by the Tory justice minister Phillip Lee, followed by half-a-dozen of Corbyn's front-benchers. They get their moment of high principle but, because no-one outside Westminster has ever heard of them, it hardly shakes the nation. I was reminded of that sketch when Peter Cook as a senior RAF officer orders a pilot (Jonathan Miller) on a doomed mission with the words: "We need a futile gesture at this stage. It will raise the whole tone of the war."

## TALKING POINT



# Counting the cost of holiday behaviour

GETTING ready for a fortnight in the sun can be a daunting prospect for many, what with packing the right clothes, cancelling the papers and checking your passport is valid.

But how many of us consider how we'd react if faced with that most dreaded of problems – the holiday trouble-maker.

This year's World Cup has generated plenty of headlines about fears of possible hooliganism, and rightly so.

However, with the main holiday season just beginning, perhaps the media should be turning its attention to how some people misbehave while taking their well-earned break.

According to a recent survey, one in 20 Britons – five per cent – have been asked to leave a hotel with being drunk and disorderly, not surprisingly, the most common reason. Other misdemeanours include causing excessive noise, and inviting people to the hotel.

How about apologising? Well, the survey found that just 11 per cent were forgiven and allowed back in by the hotel management.

Now, before anyone points to the reputation Britons have for being rowdy, take a look at these figures: one in eight (12 per cent) French holiday makers have been removed from a hotel, followed by those from Germany (nine per cent), Spain (six per cent) and Italy (three per cent).

In this supposedly money-rich, time-poor era, it seems absurd that having saved up for a holiday, so many people choose to spoil it for themselves – and, more importantly, others – by not knowing how to behave.

On a lighter note, the survey by price comparison website hotels.com also asked for examples of embarrassing experiences.

Falling over turned out to be the most common, with that comedy staple of 'suitcase spilling open' not far behind.

The most telling though was 'showing off, only for it to go wrong', which no doubt comes about from being so inebriated in the first place.

It's almost a badge of honour to drink to the point of oblivion, to demonstrate their capacity for booze which, combined with blazing sunshine and not having to get up for work the next day, can have a devastating effect.

So, to anyone about to set off for a holiday, remember it can be a long and expensive trek home if you find yourself with nowhere to stay.

But there again, there's always next year if it all goes wrong!

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# Celebrations to inspire pride in communities

PEOPLE in Staffordshire are being invited to celebrate their community this weekend at events funded by the National Lottery.

The venture has come about thanks to a new partnership between the West Midlands Combined Authority and the Big Lottery Fund.

Fourteen events will take place across the county during the first Mayor's Community Weekend on Saturday and Sunday.

Staffs SmileStones are hosting a painting party at Hednesford Park with their £500 grant. It takes place from 10am to 1pm on Sunday.

The group will be celebrating their first anniversary, by painting stones and hiding them in the park for others to find, while searching for stones decorated by others.

## Funding

Jane Johns, creator of Staffs SmileStones, said: "We're really looking forward to being part of the Mayor's Community Weekend and holding our first ever event."

"I set this group up a year ago and it's fantastic that, thanks to the funding, I can give something back to our 10,000 online members."

"This painting party will help to bring communities and families closer together to spend quality time with each other. Everyone is invited to take part in this fun and free activity, where paints and paintbrushes will be provided."

West Midlands Mayor Andy Street said: "Community groups in Staffordshire have been fantastic in getting involved with the Mayor's Community Weekend. The whole idea of this initiative is to encourage greater pride in the many diverse communities across our region."

"This might be a celebration of the work of a particular group or it might be bringing communities together, but each event in different ways contributes to the sense of pride and the community spirit in our region."

"Thank you to everybody who is working to put on events, thank you to the Big Lottery Fund for their support, and I hope to see as many of you as possible over the weekend."

The Big Lottery Fund distributes money raised by National Lottery players for good causes.

Communities can find out more about their local events by using an interactive map at <https://www.wmca.org.uk/who-we-are/meet-the-mayor/mayors-community-weekend/>

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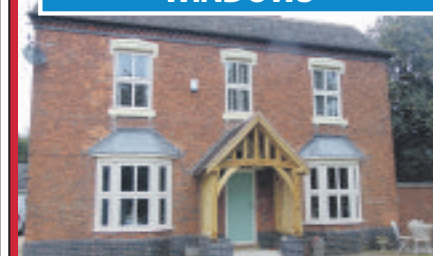


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# Debate is needed on social care

REPORTS that adult social care services are on the brink of collapse in three quarters of English councils is a huge concern for The British Polio Fellowship.

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**DAVID MITCHELL**  
National chairman

# Lack of passengers means buses run at loss

RE: the letter by Lee Murphy (“We need a variety of operators”, June 8).

It doesn’t matter who the bus company is, Diamond have tried and then finished, so did West Midlands. Arriva have stopped some services because council sponsorship was withdrawn due to nobody using the buses and therefore the service ran at a loss.

The peak times, ie schoolchildren and people going to work and back, are

really the only times you could say a bus has many passengers on. At night-time, there is nobody about.

The buses travelled with two or three passengers so therefore it didn’t pay. The council stepped in and stopped the funding. This then affects Arriva drivers, office staff, cleaners etc, they all lose working hours which equals less wages.

Drivers should not get abusive com-

ments, they don’t make the decisions.

**BUS USER**  
Cannock

■ To avoid any confusion, train timetables are produced by Network Rail not the Train Operating Companies. Also the East Coast Rail Company pulled out of its contract because Network Rail did not upgrade the tracks.

**SYD ETON**  
Lichfield

# Many over-21s have a lack of common sense

I STRONGLY disagree with Andrew Williams regarding increasing the voting age to 21 (Letters, June 21).

If anything, the voting age should be reduced to 16. To suggest that all youngsters are only interested in the latest technology is a wild assumption and ageist. I can assure Mr Williams there are plenty of people over the age of 21 who are more interested in gadgets than politics, and also many over-21s who lack common sense and hold bigoted views.

Rather than alienate our youngsters, we should be inspiring and engaging them to take an active interest in politics. After all, if over-16s are expected to pay tax on their earnings, then they have every right to have a say.

**MRS SHARON PAINTER**  
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# Democrats . . . when it suits them

IT really is surprising that those who voted to remain within the EU are, even now, unable to accept the referendum result.

For a country that used to pride itself on being a bastion of democracy, Brexit has shown us that not everyone has bought into this form of governance and by virtue of the co-ordinated opposition to the result, it also shows that even in the corridors of power there are people who are democrats only when they get the decision they want.

The latest play seems to be that those that voted for independence are bullies, which displays an incredible level of hypocrisy in the face of the disgraceful threats to this country from the EU.

**TOM ROBBINS**  
Norton Canes

# Damaging my car must keep the culprit awake

I WOULD like to thank the selfish, irresponsible person who damaged my Porsche Boxter on Tesco Heath Hayes car park last week. I cannot believe that someone would do that and not either wait for you to return to your car, or leave their details. What is this world coming to?

I hope they too have to pay for damage to their vehicle, and that they can sleep at night knowing they have done this and not reported it. I am a forgiving person, but I am not sure Karma is so forgiving!

**JUDY LITTLE**  
Cannock

# Voters baffled by NHS funding

CLEVER politics has evolved with the Government’s war chest for the NHS having left members of a section of its own party subdued. It’s left the electorate scratching their heads wondering where Labour are, regarding Brexit. Like their manifesto, it’s mystifying.

**MR A ALLPORT**  
Huntington

# Any drug can be misused

IT is clear that any drug can be abused, and misused, by irresponsible people as can alcohol but it appears that the powers that be take the extreme view concerning cannabis. They should remember it is not the plant which is abusing people, it is the people exploiting and abusing the plant.

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## An integral part of life in village

The Ridwars WI

AT the Ridwars WI Annual General Meeting, it was a time for reflection on an enjoyable and wide-ranging programme of interesting speakers and activities.

The WI continues to be involved in the community and is an integral part of village life. Afternoon teas are held two or three times a year, while tinsel and trimmings has everyone in the festive mood.

The 'heart' garden outside the village hall always has a beautiful display and the planted hanging 'brackets' to support Breast Cancer Awareness in October have stopped many a cyclist in their tracks for a photo.

Numerous trips were undertaken, competitive skittles evenings were held at The Shoulder of Mutton in Hamstall Ridware. Successful evenings were held at Beadesert Golf Club for Christmas and The Conservatory at Curborough for the 70th birthday celebrations. A 40s evening in September will continue to celebrate the milestone birthday.

The Resolution 'Mental Health Matters as Much as Physical Health' was discussed and carried unanimously to be passed to the National AGM in Cardiff.

Cheese and wine was served following the AGM.

The next Community Coffee Morning is on July 2, 10.30am-noon at the village hall. The next WI meeting will be July 17, when Oliver Hill, will talk on 'Tax, Care and Toy Boys'.

## Golfers tee off to raise a record sum



Rotarian Harold Bould, Tony Chew from Brindley Honda and Rotarian Mel Wilton

TWENTY teams tee off to support the Rotary Club's biggest single fundraiser - its annual golf day at The Chase Golf Club.

There was also very generous sponsorship from a number of local companies.

The day began with a barbecue lunch, there was a virtual par three competition on the golf simulator and free practice facilities at the driving range before the shotgun start to the team Stableford competition.

The day concluded with a splendid evening meal and prize presentations and raffle which raised more than £1,000 towards the record-breaking tally of £5,600.

All money generated goes to support Rotary charities and good causes. The Can-

### Rotary Club of Cannock

nock Friends of St Giles Hospice and The Stafford & Cannock League Friends are among the charities that will benefit.

The winning team was Cuttlestones Auctioneers from Penkridge, ahead of Uniseal Ltd from Burntwood and Kier Living. Ben Gamble won the nearest the pin prize on the ninth hole donated by Brindley Honda.

The prize for the team who had played the most shots went to the team from Anglesey Real Estate Ltd who won a lesson from the golf club's professional.

## Shugborough subject of talk

THE June meeting was well attended and a new lady joined for the evening.

The speaker for the evening was Judy Hubble who talked about the history of Shugborough Hall and how it evolved and changed over the centuries.

### Hayes Green WI

It was interesting to find out about the people who developed it and to find out the stories of the people whose portraits are seen by visitors.

After the talk the ladies discussed upcoming outings and social events as well as having some time to chat. The new two vice presidents were introduced to the members as well and the meeting concluded at 9.55pm.

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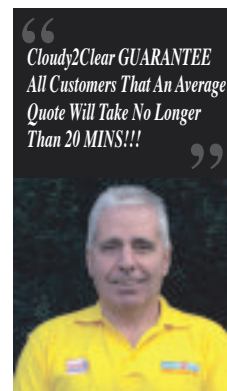
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# Fans united in joy as Carl on mend in cancer fight

'IT feels like the title and promotion has happened all over again.'

The news of Wolves goalkeeper Carl Ikeme being in remission, after battling leukaemia for almost a year, has delighted and united fans and footballers all across the world.

Since the Nigerian-born goalkeeper posted the news on social media on Saturday afternoon, the messages came pouring in.

Wolves managing director Laurie Dalrymple said: "It's amazing news for Carl, his family, his friends, his team mates and the whole football club. Forget promotion and forget medals - this is winning."

As a club, Wolves tweeted: "There have been some fantastic moments this year but this by far tops them all. We're all delighted for you, Carl. See you soon."

## Smiling

Fellow Wolves players also showed their joy at the announcement.

Wolves captain Danny Bath simply said: "THE BEST NEWS EVER."

Midfielder Morgan Gibbs-White said: "I haven't stopped smiling, so happy for you big bro."

Defender Dominic Iorfa added: "That news has made my day. Onwards and upwards bro."

Former Aston Villa, England and Wolves winger Tony Daley described the announcement as 'awesome'.

And the fans were delighted, with many saying the news of Carl's remission was even better than the team's promotion to the Premier League.

Author and fundraiser Steve Plant posted a picture alongside legends Steve Bull, Andy Thompson and Don



Carl Ikeme kisses his daughter Maya in a picture he posted on Instagram

Goodman saying: "Best news for a long time. raising a glass (or two) to Carl."

Iain Brown said: "Today is a momentous day for Wolves and their fans. It feels like the title and promotion has happened all over again. Can't wait for the day when we can welcome him back on the hallowed Molineux turf." Another Wolves fan, Richard Haines

said: "This is truly special news Carl. All of the footballing world is behind you."

James McLaughlin, the chief executive of Cure Leukaemia, said: "What a heartwarming message to read from Carl. He is providing inspiration and hope for so many others through his own immensely brave personal battle."

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# 'Winning formula' as farm shop to expand

THE owners of a farm shop near Rugeley say they are delighted after being given planning permission for an extension.

It means the size of the premises at family-run Canalside Farm in Great Haywood will increase by a third.

The scheme includes a new bakery and production kitchen, so that the farm can make more of its own products on site, as well as a bigger delicatessen counter and new gift section. An extra 100 spaces are also being added to the car park.

"We are thrilled to receive the go-ahead and hope that this will improve the overall food offer and experience for our customers," owners Chris and Wendy Barton said.

## Jobs

"Our aim has always been to make as much produce as we can here on the farm, so with the new bakery, working in collaboration with our fantastic team of qualified butchers, who make all of their own products, we think it will be a winning formula for both our farm shop and our café."

This latest expansion follows the opening of a new café in 2014. Since then, the two businesses have gone from strength to strength, creating 40 jobs and selling more than 100,000 punnets of strawberries; 20,000 homemade sausage rolls and serving over 110,000 cups of coffee.

Chris added: "The extra car parking spaces are greatly needed and mean we can accommodate all our customers, even on the very busy days, although we are very lucky, in that not all of them arrive by car."

"We obviously have a lot of people arrive on canal boats, but have also become a regular stop-off point for cyclists, walking groups and even the odd canoe!"



Wendy Barton with the plans for the farm shop extension

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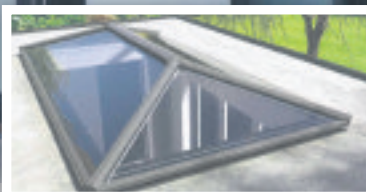


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## £1,500 boost for over-65s choir



Members of the Day Choir which brings together people from the local community for weekly singing sessions

A NEW choir aimed at over-65s which brings together people from the local community for weekly singing sessions has been given a cash boost.

The Day Choir has received a £1,560 donation from Barchester's Charitable Foundation after being nominated by a newly built care home, The Spires, in Lichfield.

Karen Foster, executive director of the city's Garrick

Theatre, which set up the group, said: "The choir gives people the opportunity to come out and socialise during the daytime. It is brilliant to be able to offer this lovely friendly musical activity."

"We always welcome new members and we would like to say a huge thank you to the Barchester foundation for their donation to help support the running of the choir."

## Film fans to make choice

**THE Lichfield Garrick is launching a monthly film night – and movie fans can have a say in what is shown.**

On Saturday, the Oscar-winning and critically acclaimed Darkest Hour will be gracing the theatre's silver screen.

Winston Churchill is portrayed by Gary Oldman in this account of Winston Churchill's darkest hour in 1940.

Kristin Scott Thomas is his faithful wife Clementine, and the film also stars Lily James, Samuel West and Ben Mendelsohn.

Karen Foster, the Garrick's executive director on the new film nights, said: "I am very aware that there was huge public disappointment that the cinema planned as part of Friarsgate will no longer go ahead."

"As a consequence, the Lichfield Garrick has chosen to show modern

blockbusters in the theatre on our normally quiet nights. We would love to hear from film fans who would come to the theatre, as this will help us to choose the right films."

The theatre has set up an online survey at [bit.ly/garrickfilms](http://bit.ly/garrickfilms) to find out what film fans would like to see.

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# Customers help firms pick up top accolades

**A CANNOCK company has been named best in its sector for customer satisfaction at an awards ceremony.**

Goliath Home World, based in Hawks Green, picked up the accolade at this year's Independent Network members' weekend.

It is the second consecutive year that the PVC-U door, window and conservatory company has won this particular award, and its seventh overall.

Goliath's Stuart Boulton also short-listed for 'Salesperson of the Year'.

The awards ceremony was hosted by football legend Chris Kamara.

The awards are based on thousands of customer surveys completed by every homeowner who makes a purchase from an Independent Network business over the past 12 months.

## Celebrate

Six companies made the shortlist for best customer service in this particular division – based on company size – but it was Goliath Home World that brought home the trophy again.

At the same ceremony Great Wyrley-based Mews Windows also won an award for customer satisfaction.

The company, which will celebrate 30 years of trading next year, specialises in PVC-U doors, windows, and conservatories in the Walsall, Wolverhampton, Shropshire, and Staffordshire areas.

Mews Windows picked up the trophy for its division, again based on company size, as well as scooping a 100 per cent certificate for outstanding customer satisfaction for the year 2017-18.

Independent Network is a nationwide group of window and door companies.



Awards ceremony host Chris Kamara, centre, with, from left, Jon Veale, Mark Turner, Barry Jones and Stuart Boulton of Goliath Home World



Pete Mew, left, and Thomas Mew of Mews Windows with Chris Kamara

## Blueprint for services approved

PROPOSALS that will shape the way services are provided to people with physical or learning disabilities have been agreed at a key council meeting.

Staffordshire County Council's cabinet agreed to take forward the new Whole Life Disability Strategy for

2018-23. The strategy sets out how the county council plans to meet the needs of people with disabilities.

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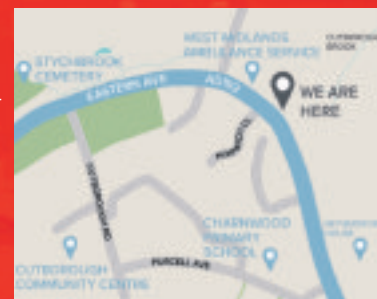
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RESIDENTS of a retirement home in Penkridge proved it is never too late to learn – by graduating from a French language course.

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They celebrated the end of term with a cheese and wine tasting and the presentation of certificates.

Rosemary Rylance, who took part in the course, said: "I wanted to try to improve my memory. It is good to learn something new."

Fellow student Bill Powell describes the lessons as 'exercise for the brain'.

Les Clarke, director of care and support at Housing Plus Group, which owns Pencric, said: "I'm incredibly impressed by how much they have learned."



Rosemary Rylance, Jane Handley, Celia Aspen and Bill Powell at the Pencric retirement home in Penkridge

# Hundreds remember stab victim a year since death

**FAMILY and friends gathered to remember James Brindley a year on from when he was stabbed to death.**

Around 400 people filled at St Mary's Church in Aldridge on Sunday for a memorial service. Later they walked to the spot where the 26-year-old died around the time of his death at 11.20pm.

His parents, Mark and Beverley Brindley, spoke in church and lay a wreath in High Street, where he died. A plaque was also unveiled on the side of William Mitchell Funeral Directors by his sister, Charlotte.

In an emotional speech, Mr Brindley said: "There is a time in your life where you realise that if you stand still you will remain at this point forever.



Victim James Brindley

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The Crown pub in Anchor Road stopped serving and playing music for 20 minutes out of respect.

Reverend Bev Boden said: "The seats were full in the church and people were standing at the back as well."

"We walked across the road to the spot where he died. Everybody from church came plus even more."

"When something as terrible as this happens, it touches everyone's lives in the community and that can still be felt today. I think the family were overwhelmed by the level of support and to see so many people there."

"I held a service and I named the people killed or hurt due to knife crime in Walsall alone and I was shocked at how long the list was."

## New hub a big step – bus firm

A BUS operator has welcomed the news that South Staffordshire College's campus in Cannock is set for a £6.5 million relaunch.

Arriva says the decision to use the facility as a learning hub signals a 'significant step in the commercial regeneration of the town'.

Simon Mathieson, area managing director for Arriva, said: "The rejuvenated college campus will not only provide excellent employment opportunities within the local area, but will also guarantee a skills uplift across the region."

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# Charities benefit from a year of fundraising



Pat Williams along with other representatives from Guide Dogs receiving their cheque from the former mayor of Lichfield, Councillor Mrs Janice Greaves

**CHEQUES** have been presented to two charities by Lichfield's former mayor and her Sheriff.

During their year in office, the mayor, Councillor Mrs Janice Greaves, and Councillor Andy Smith, the Sheriff of Lichfield raised £10,081.96.

This amount was donated to their two chosen charities - Guide Dogs and Shropshire & Staffordshire Blood Bikes.

Pat Williams representing the Guide Dogs and Jeremy Cartwright

representing Shropshire & Staffordshire Blood Bikes said they were delighted to each receive a cheque for £5,048.98.

The mayor and Sheriff for 2017-2018 hosted a number of successful events throughout their year in office, including a charity skittles night, Sunday lunch, masquerade ball and a fashion show presented by Young Ideas.

Handing over the cheques, Councillor Greaves and Councillor Smith thanked the local businesses, groups and individuals who supported their fundraising activities.



Jeremy Cartwright of Shropshire and Staffordshire Blood Bikes with former Sheriff Councillor Andy Smith and Mrs Sallyanne Smith

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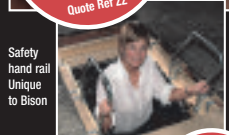
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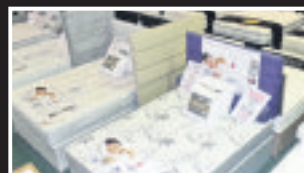
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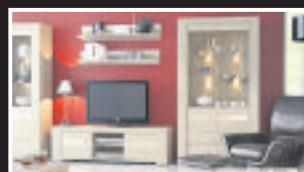


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# Treat yourself: Get away from it Hall



Take time out for some hair, body and mind TLC. Diane Davies enjoys a spa day

TOO often in our busy lives, fitting in a hairdresser's appointment can be a chore.

Sadly it is a bit like going to the dentist – something that clearly has to be done but is usually squeezed in on a manic day off or shortly before the school run.

Surely visiting a stylist should be an experience to be savoured, so why not make an occasion of it and give your hair a little TLC as well as the rest of you during a relaxing spa day?

I was able to put this theory to the test at the Matthew Curtis Hair salon at Staffordshire's renowned spa Hoar Cross Hall.

My stylist for the day was Deborah Wilson who has been at the salon for some 21 years and offers a wealth of knowledge. She spent some time talking through the sort of products I use on my hair, how much abuse I deliver to it (straighteners, blow-drying etc) and my hair type. After this personalised consultation, we agreed on a treatment that would best suit my hair and my lifestyle. We opted for the Kerastase Discipline range – which seemed apt for my unruly hair.

After a heavenly head massage, Deborah put my hair through a series of treatments including the Balin Fluide shampoo, the conditioning masque then a Fluidissime protecting against humidity and moisture for up to 72 hours. There was also a Keratine



The Matthew Curtis Hair Salon at Hoar Cross Hall, inset

Thermique for heat protection. My hair was like silk at the end of the session and had lost that fly-away unruliness.

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**PRIVATE landlords have been reminded about new licensing rules which came into effect earlier this year.**

From April 1, landlords who own or manage properties occupied by five or more people and form two or more households, have needed to apply for a licence.

And from October 1, landlords could risk prosecution or a civil penalty for

failure to license, if their properties are occupied by five people or more who are not related and share kitchens and/or bathrooms.

Cannock Chase Council's private sector housing team are working with landlords to meet the licensing requirements.

Councillor John Preece, portfolio leader for environment, said: "I would urge any private landlords in the Cannock Chase district not to ignore the

new licensing rules as the penalty can be anything up to £30,000 per offence, or you could face prosecution."

"If you are a private landlord that lets a house of multiple occupancy, please contact our private sector housing team for help and advice."

The new rules include a £590 fee that is charged for a three to five-year period. For details call 01543 462621 or email [privatesectorhousing@cannockchasedc.gov.uk](mailto:privatesectorhousing@cannockchasedc.gov.uk)

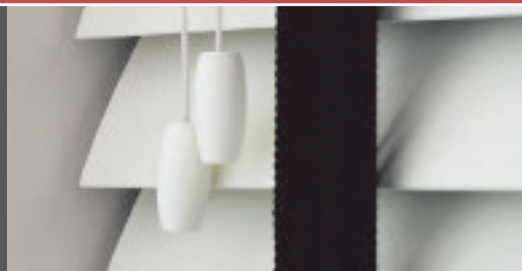
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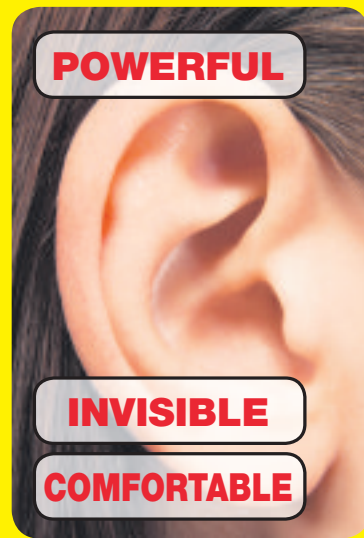
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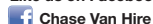
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A SUPER-SLIMMING couple from Cannock are seeing a lot less of each other after losing 9st 3lb between them and making it to the semi-finals of Slimming World's Couple of the Year 2018.

Dave and Jacqui Wilmot are one of 28 couples who made it to the

national semi-finals where they represented Cannock after being voted by their fellow members to be the Slimming World group's Couple of the Year 2018.

They missed out on being the overall winners but since joining the Heath Hayes Slimming World

group, they believe the secret of their success was getting support from one another at home as well as in group every week.

Dave, 62, lost 5st 4.5lb and Jacqui, 64, shed 3st 12.5lb. Slimming World's Couple of the Year 2018 will be announced in due course.

## 1,000 back petition to bring town market back

A CAMPAIGN to bring back a town's market for the first time in eight years has been backed by nearly 1,000 people.

Shoppers have launched a bid to have a market be reinstated in Brownhills – a request that will now be considered by Walsall Council leaders after a petition was handed in.

Previous attempts to relaunch a market in the town have ended in failure. The last Brownhills market closed in 2010 due to a lack of customers and traders. That came after Walsall Council started a market in 2009 on Tuesdays and Saturdays, only for it to close 12 months later as it was losing money.

However, there appears to be an appetite for a new market after a petition calling for one to return was signed by 927 people.

### Lack

Brownhills councillor Ken Ferguson said he did not believe anything had changed that would make a new market a success this time around. He said: "While it's a nice idea I very much doubt it would be the same as what we used to have, I think those days have gone."

Walsall Council pulled the plug on the market in 2010 as there was a lack of traders and it was costing £57,000 a year to run. LSD Promotions then had a go at making the market work on Thursdays and Saturdays but pulled out six months later.

A report on the petition said: "Previously, Brownhills Market was relaunched by the council in September 2009 and operated on Tuesdays and Saturdays. Subsequently it closed again 12 months later in the summer of 2010 because it was attracting no traders and costing the council circa £1,100 a week (£57k per annum) to operate."

"The previous market location along Silver Street has been sold to developers for housing."

## Plea on Airbus warning

A WARNING from aerospace giant Airbus that it could pull out of the UK with the loss of thousands of jobs in the event of a 'no-deal' Brexit has sent shockwaves around the Midlands.

The region is a major base for aerospace manufacturers, including UTAS and Moog in Wolverhampton, both of which supply parts to Airbus.

Many business leaders have called on the Government to take heed after Airbus, which employs 14,000 people at 25 sites across the country, said it would 'reconsider its investments in the UK, and its long-term footprint in the country' if Britain crashed

out of the single market and customs union without a transition agreement.

Corin Crane, chief executive of the Black Country Chamber of Commerce, said the announcement 'comes as no surprise', adding: "Boardrooms across the country have been raising concerns."

Wolverhampton South East MP Pat McFadden said: "Airbus is one of the UK's biggest manufacturing employers and the work they do is at the centre of an international supply chain, of which our local aerospace companies in the West Midlands are a part."

"These are highly skilled high value manufacturing jobs and we cannot afford to lose them."

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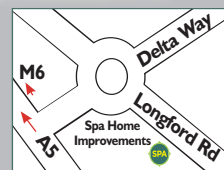


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The New Zealand dancer performs on Valentine's Day, bringing his I'm Still Standing tour to the city.

Productions featuring singers Tony Christie and Lemar will also feature in the new programme.

Following his role in Ladies Day at the city centre theatre this July, Amarrillo singer Christie will return to the Grand for a full, live concert on November 3. Fame Academy star Lemar will star in Soul Legends, featuring soul classics from the likes of Barry White, Lionel Richie, Chaka Khan, Tina Turner and Michael Jackson.

Top shows on the bill include Dirty Dancing, Cats, Madagascar The Musical, and Rock Of Ages.

## Bizarre

Other highlights include Nights On Broadway - The Bee Gees Story, controversial comedian Jim Davidson and the Viennese Strauss Gala.

The Circus Of Horrors: Psycho Asylum will take to the stage in February 15, featuring bizarre circus acts with a dark twist.

A five-day run of romantic classic Dirty Dancing will follow, together with How Sweet It Is - The Greatest Hits of Motown.

Children's favourite Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom is brought to the stage, and theatregoers can also take a trip down memory lane with Club Tropicana The Musical.

Madagascar The Musical comes to the Grand from May 7-11, the iconic Andrew Lloyd Webber musical Cats



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will be taken on by West Bromwich Operatic Society and The Dreamboys - a highly successful male stripper show - are also on the list of productions.

Rock Of Ages makes its Grand debut and Menopause The Musical hits the stage in June ahead of the Hilarity

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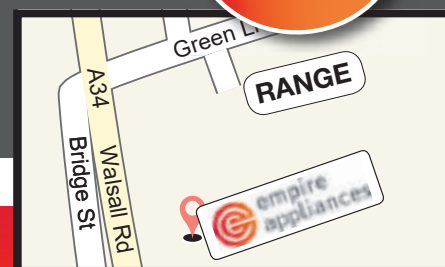


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Son Michael Dixon with some of the enamel signs



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Bridgnorth market, perhaps in late Victorian times



John Dixon who amassed the collection

# John put his stamp on collecting town history

THERE are photos of Bridgnorth. Hundreds and hundreds of them, ranging from Victorian lantern slides, doubled images to be viewed with a stereoscopic viewer, and postcards. Posters, cuttings, old adverts...

The collection of the late John Dixon could be the basis of a small town museum of itself.

However, it is perhaps surprising that Mr Dixon, who died on June 29 last year at the age of 72, was not actually Bridgnorth born and bred.

"He moved to Bridgnorth from the West Midlands in 1978," said son Michael, who has been looking through the vast collection and putting it into order.

Michael, head of faculty for technology, creative and sixth form studies at City of Wolverhampton College, said: "He was Wednesbury born and bred. My mum Kate opened an antique

## MEMORY LANE

By Toby Neal

shop in St Johns Street, Bridgnorth. My dad did the import and export for a shipping line and was all over the country. He started collecting items on Bridgnorth, initially postcards, and then went into a whole range of other things, anything really connected with Bridgnorth.

"He had visited the town when he was younger. He loved the town. I think that's why they gravitated there many years later. They had lived at Claverley for about seven years, and then back to the West Midlands, and then to Bridgnorth. I was christened in Claverley.

"He just loved the town. I think he was fascinated with the history of it. He used to go to postcard fairs and later he looked online. He would go to auctions, local antique shops and things like that.

"When he got known people would

bring things to my mum. He had a room upstairs packed to the rafters with Bridgnorth items, some in boxes, some on display.

"They included old prints of Bridgnorth, and posters from old theatres of Bridgnorth. It was only after he died and I was sorting through that I discovered just how much there was.

"I'm interested too. I'm going to keep the collection for the time being. I have sorted a lot and tried to organise it. When you collect yourself sometimes you get a bit overwhelmed, I think.

"I think the enamel signs are fascinating. They were on lampposts for all the old shops in Bridgnorth. This would probably be in the 1950s to 1960s. They came from a Nock Deighton auction. Somebody must have collected them when they took them down from the lampposts or the lampposts were changed."

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Ma Pardoe's granddaughter Ruth Tanner

# Where it all started for legend Ma Pardoe

THE family of pub legend Ma Pardoe have been tracing their roots – visiting the birthplace of the famous landlady in her honour.

Doris Pardoe ran The Old Swan, or Ma Pardoes, in Netherton from 1931 until her death in 1984, aged 85. Now family members have traced her history to her birthplace in Cannock – and with the help of the local history society have learned more about their famous relative.

Her story began in Staffordshire in 1899 when she was born to Edward and Erena Jones, who owned and lived in the convenience store in Bridgtown.

When Doris was 11 the family moved to the Black Country and entered the pub business.

In October 1918, when she was 19, Doris married Fredrick Pardoe and the pair lived at the Hollybush in Wolverhampton, which was one of a number of pubs they managed before moving to The Old Swan in 1931.

Her birthplace in North Street is now a business called Heat Tanning Studio – but is still recognisable as the shop formerly owned by the Jones family. Last week Doris's granddaughter Ruth Tanner was given a tour around the area by members of Bridgtown and District Local History Society.

## Different

She chatted to staff at the tanning studio, and owner Hayley Childs said: "I'm very proud, it's nice to hear the shop's history."

"I've heard lots of stories over the years about the different owners of the shop but never this story. I wasn't aware. It's nice to see the old photos and the front of the shop all those years ago. The original woodwork is still there so it's a little surreal to see it."

"Doris obviously became very successful and well known in the Black Country, so it's really good for our community. I've had the shop for 11 years now so it's great to see the history. The blue plaque is a lovely idea and a fitting tribute. It's great to think my shop will go down in history."

Derrick Middleton, secretary of the history society, said: "It was an emotional visit. We're extremely proud. It's a proud time for the village to know we had a Black Country legend living in our village for so long."

"We're planning to put up a blue plaque in honour of her. I used to travel over and drink in her pub and I



Doris 'Ma' Pardoe



Doris as a baby outside her family's shop in Bridgtown



Ruth Tanner, right, with tanning assistant Billy-Jo Rowley just wish I knew at the time that I lived 20 yards away from where she was born."

The Old Swan is famous among real ale drinkers and still brews its own beer on the premises.

The pub was loved so much that when it came up for sale in 1985, shortly after Doris's death, the Campaign for Real Ale (Camra) set up a company to purchase and run it. Although the company was short lived, the pub was able to survive and is still open to this day.

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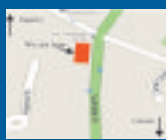
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# New skills and innovation hub can help you to fast-track your career

## Commercial feature

**Staff at the new Cannock Chase Skills and Innovation Hub believe that employability should be the end goal of all education.**

That's why Cannock Chase District Council, in partnership with South Staffordshire College, are opening the Cannock Chase Skills and Innovation Hub, which has employability front and centre of its agenda.

The Skills and Innovation Hub aims to meet the needs of the local community, from learners, to employers, to businesses.

A spokesman said: "Our community is changing, and its economy is growing. The McArthurGlen Designer Outlet and the development of the Rugeley Power Station site will bring new and exciting employment opportunities to the district, with much more business and industrial expansion anticipated over the next few years.

"We need to ensure the Cannock community possesses the skills required to meet this growing economy, and that businesses can tap into a local workforce that can meet their expectations."

Traditionally, studying towards a specific career goal might take several years. Through apprenticeships, pre-apprenticeships, full and part time programmes, as well as employability skills workshops, the Skills and Innovation Hub aims to help learners achieve their employability goals as quickly as possible.

### Are you a school leaver?

The spokesman added: "If you have your sights set on a specific career, are eager to enter employment, and don't feel that a traditional college or sixth form is the right option for you, then the Skills and Innovation Hub is the route to take to set you on the right path."

The college has apprenticeships and pre-apprenticeship courses on offer as well as full-time courses from health and social care, to construction, to business management and accounting. Plus across South Staffordshire College many more apprenticeship opportunities. All are designed in close partnership with employers, to ensure the skills developed are aligned with the needs of industry.

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"We have a dedicated network of industry specialist assessors working daily with businesses and industry, so there will be plenty of apprenticeship opportunities as new vacancies become available.

### Interested in a part-time course?

"We also have a range of part-time courses on offer, allowing people to study alongside their current job or around other commitments."

The Skills and Innovation Hub isn't just about getting people into employment for the first

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"We can help with interview training and practice, CV writing, effective research, and even presentation style, with the intention of helping people secure employment quickly. If you feel like you need a hand in this area, why not drop in and speak to one of our experts?"

### Do you want to start your own business?

As well as helping people into employment, the Skills and Innovation Hub also exists to help the district's budding entrepreneurs who want to start their own business. Cannock Chase District Council, with ongoing support from the Stoke and Staffordshire Chamber of Commerce, will provide an incubator for start-ups, offering workspace, mentoring, investment advice, or help with launching.

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### What next?

If you think the Cannock Chase Skills and Innovation Hub is the right option for you, why not call in and speak to staff about the many opportunities on offer? The opening hours are Monday to Friday, from 8:30am to 5pm and 9am to 12pm on a Saturday.

Employability skills will start from July 2. You can apply now for full-time and pre-apprenticeship courses which will begin in September.

For more information on the Cannock Chase Skills and Innovation Hub, at The Green, Cannock, WS11 1UE, visit [www.southstaf.ac.uk/cannock](http://www.southstaf.ac.uk/cannock), or call 0300 456 2424.





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But now, nearly a year on from its final closure, what remains of the once iconic city site is gradually being reduced to piles of rubble and debris.

Demolition workers are now the only people to be found on site at the former factory that said farewell to the last Goodyear workers in August 2017.

They are busy ripping out the units and clearing the way for what is expected to be new homes.

Work to clear the site is expected to take six months. It will mark the end of an era for the city, with virtually all trace of the renowned factory to disappear before the end of the year. Much of the Goodyear plant has already been redeveloped with the final buildings now being removed.

## Chief demands answers over shortage of nurses

**A TOP director has questioned how long Walsall Manor Hospital can cope delivering its current level of services amid a huge shortage of nurses.**

Concerns have been raised about the impact of nursing vacancies on services, and Professor Russell Beale, a non-executive director at the NHS trust which runs the Manor, has demanded to know whether enough is being done to tackle the problem.

Figures for March showed there were 72 vacancies in nursing and midwifery. Trust bosses have resorted to trying to bring in foreign nurses to try to boost numbers.

However, acting director of nursing Kara Blackwell said there was a 'national shortage' of nurses and Walsall was facing competition from other trusts for those available.

Nursing numbers have risen over recent months but are 'still small' as 'traditional methods of recruitment hadn't been successful', a report

said. Prof Beale asked at a board meeting if the Manor could continue to cope with such a high vacancy rate among the nursing staff levels.

A report said: "Professor Beale queried long-term viability. Ms Blackwell advised there was a national shortage of RNs (registered nurses) and a number of trusts were pitching for the same staff.

"Regular recruitment days were being held and focus on overseas nurse recruitment though they were not large numbers."

## MP calls for talks over owl sanctuary plan

CABINET minister and South Staffordshire MP Gavin Williamson has called for last-ditch talks over a £900,000 owl sanctuary.

The World Owl Trust (WOT) abandoned plans to set up its new home at Himley Park after the West Midlands Historic Building Trust (WMHBT), asked for a full restoration of the walled garden at Himley Hall.

The 11,500 sq m site had been derelict for 25 years and was set to have a conservation centre featuring the biggest collection of owls in the country, a cafe, a shop and an education centre.

The trust encountered opposition from the WMHBT, which was brought in by the hall and park's owners Dudley Council to examine the plans for the project.

WOT patron Mr Williamson said: "It is such a tragedy that talks now appear to have broken down."

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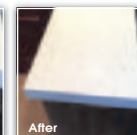
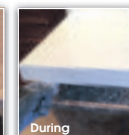
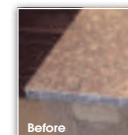


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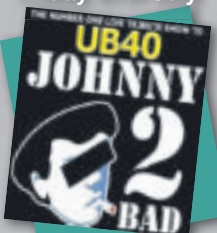
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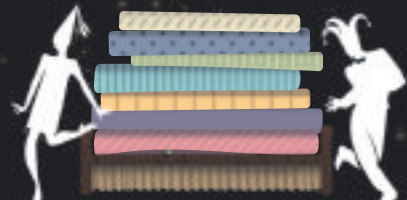
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# It's always best to play the baddies

It's won more than 85 international awards. Matilda The Musical is the multi-award winning musical from the Royal Shakespeare Company, inspired by the beloved book by the incomparable Roald Dahl.

With the book by Dennis Kelly and original songs by Tim Minchin, Matilda The Musical is the story of an extraordinary little girl who, armed with a vivid imagination and a sharp mind, dares to take a stand and change her own destiny.

The show continues to delight audiences in London, Australia and on tour around the USA and a major new production will open at Birmingham Hippodrome on Tuesday, running until September 8.

It stars Craigie Els, who will reprise the role of Miss Trunchbull having played her in the West End for three years between 2014 and 2017. He will be joined by Carly Thoms as Miss Honey, and Sebastian Torkia and Rebecca Thornhill as Mr and Mrs Wormwood.

Craigie trained at Drama Studio London and Aberystwyth University before going on to appear in a series of hit shows. He loves playing Miss Trunchbull and is thrilled to bring it out of the West End to Birmingham.

"Baddies are always the best to play, plus I am too old to play Matilda so there is no chance there. With the role of Miss Trunchbull, I think everyone who has played it will agree that roles like that don't come along that often, they are beautifully written characters but yet so mean and horrible that it gives you the chance to make them as real and as mean as possible but also make them entertaining at the same time. It is most definitely a wonderful and unique challenge and that's why I have enjoyed doing it for so long. Roles like this do not come along that often.

"In the West End you get pretty much a West End crowd with a lot of tourists, so it's nice to take the show to regional places and have local crowds come and watch it and we are in our second venue of the tour and already the crowds are loving it."

## PLEASURE

Craigie decided to get into acting as a teenager. It was a surprise to his family but they were supportive and eventually thrilled when he made a go of it.

"I decided that when I was about 15 or 16 that I wanted to do acting and it was a bit of a shock to my family because there were no drama clubs near me and my school didn't even offer it as a subject at GCSE or A Level. For me, it came from enjoying making my friends laugh and making my mum and nan giggle on the weekends. I found that pleasure in entertaining people and I decided I wanted to pursue that. So I went to university and studied drama at Aberystwyth University for three years and then after that I went and did a one-year postgraduate at Drama Studio London where I was able to concentrate more on the practical side of it all. After that like the thousands of others, I left drama school and joined the big wide world and started to audition for things."

Craigie isn't the only one happy that Matilda is on the road. Dennis Kelly, who wrote the show, said: "It's been a long time coming but I'm delighted that we get to take Matilda around the UK and to Ireland. We have some fantastic theatres, supported by smart, engaged audiences and we can't wait to bring this crazy, messy, anarchic explosion of a show to them."

Tim Minchin, who wrote the show's

Award-winner – Matilda The Musical arrives in Birmingham



music and lyrics, said: "I – like millions of others – feel like Roald Dahl is in my blood, because I grew up with his books. So to have contributed to a piece of work that brings one of his most famous stories to life is one of my life's great joys. I'm utterly thrilled that audiences in cities all across the UK and Ireland will now share and be part of Matilda's story."

And Catherine Mallyon, RSC executive director, adds: "We

are thrilled our home-grown miracle, which started life after a seven year gestation in Stratford-upon-Avon, has grown into a bit of a global phenomenon. Following Matilda's successful run on Broadway, our current tours around North America, Australia and New Zealand, and continuing into our sixth year at the Cambridge Theatre in London's West End, it is fantastic that we can share Matilda with audiences around the UK and in Ireland. In collaboration with our touring partners we will also deliver a programme of ground-breaking interactive education projects to enable young people to emulate

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Matilda The Musical has now been seen by more than 7.7 million people worldwide. Having swept the board at the 2012 Olivier Awards, with a record-breaking seven awards, and winning four Tony Awards and a Tony Honor for Excellence in the Theatre for the four girls sharing the title role on Broadway, Matilda The Musical has now played in more than 60 cities and has played 5,500 performances worldwide.

After winning a Sydney Theatre Award for Best Musical in 2015, the Australian and New Zealand tour has now played sold-out seasons in Melbourne, Brisbane, Perth, Adelaide and Auckland. In July 2016, Matilda The Musical broke further records by winning all 13 Helpmann Awards for which it was nominated. The show will have its first non-English language production at the LG Arts Centre in Seoul, South Korea from September 2018 until February 2019.

Andy Richardson

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Paul Heaton and Jacqui Abbott



## Beautiful duo are back together at Forest Live

IT'S been a remarkable return to the top for singer Paul Heaton.

The former Housemartins and Beautiful South singer seemed to have drifted from the nation's radar as a run of solo albums failed to reach the same dizzy heights as records with his former bands.

However, since reuniting with former Beautiful South singer Jacqui Abbott with 2014's *What Have We Become?*, Heaton has enjoyed a new lease of life.

The duo will be in concert on Saturday at Cannock Chase for Forest Live with support from Billy Bragg.

What Have We Become? earned Heaton and Abbott a gold disc, glowing reviews and a series of sell-out shows. The follow-up, *Wisdom, Laughter and Lies*, was another hit.

Heaton said he'd felt honoured to renew his working relationship with Abbott, having played together in The Beautiful South for six years from 1994 to 2000.

He said: "Jacqui is one of the best singers I've worked with and is also part of my past. That album came together easily because we work so well together. The album title *Wisdom, Laughter and Lies* derived from a line in one of the songs and it sort of summed up where I was in life."

Abbott said: "It's just great to be singing again. We had such a good run together previously and it's just a real pleasure to be working with him again and singing these fantastic songs."

Last year the duo resumed their partnership for their third collaborative record, *Crooked Calypso*.

## By George, travel broadens the mind



George Ezra will be enjoying the great outdoors this summer with a series of festival and racecourse concerts, including his headline set at Forest Live on Cannock Chase this Sunday.

Ezra is one of the biggest selling male artists of the decade and destined for more success thanks to chart-topping second album, *Staying At Tamara's* and single *Shotgun*, fast becoming THE song of summer 2018.

His debut, *Wanted On Voyage*,

was certified four times platinum in the UK, and was amongst the top 10 biggest selling artist albums in this country in both 2014 and 2015, reaching number one in the UK chart and spending 122 weeks in the chart. It yielded hit singles *Budapest* and *Blame It On Me*.

In little more than 18 months, the tall mellow-voiced singer-songwriter from Hertfordshire went from virtual unknown to one of the biggest international breakthrough artists of recent times with a top 10 album in 10 countries and three sold out UK tours.

George returned last summer with a new single *Don't Matter Now*

and sold out tour, and a summer of festival performances.

His new album features hit singles *Paradise* and *Shotgun*. Like his debut, *Staying At Tamara's* was inspired by George's travels – including spells on the Isle of Skye; at a pig farm in Norfolk; in a shed in Kent; a converted cow shed in Wales; and an Airbnb in Barcelona owned by the Tamara of the title. The result is a finger-snapping, brass-blaring, wind-in-the-hair album that shines with positivity alongside moments of reflection.

His concert will be the last of three sold out nights at Forest Live.

## Paloma makes own kind of music

Paloma Faith finally made it to the top of the charts with her fourth album, *The Architect*. She had enjoyed three successive number two albums but reached the coveted top spot for the first time in November.

Her most recent single was a cover of Mann and Weil pop classic *Make Your Own Kind Of Music*, a hit for Mama Cass Elliot in 1969, helped by its inclusion on TV advertising for Skoda cars. She headlines the first of the weekend's three Forest Live concerts tomorrow (Friday).



## Marley brings reggae sounds from Stony Hill

Grammy Award winner Damian 'Jr Gong' Marley is in concert at Birmingham's O2 Academy on Saturday. The youngest son of reggae legend Bob Marley, Damian garnered his own place in music history when he became the first ever reggae artist to win a Grammy outside the 'Reggae' category, taking home an award for 'Best Urban/Alternative' performance for his 2005 breakthrough single *Welcome To Jamrock*. He has gone on to collaborate with Gwen Stefani, Nas, Cypress Hill, Sean Paul, Skrillex and with Jay-Z, featuring on the latter's track *Bam* from the 4.44 album.

Marley's fourth studio album *Stony Hill* won last year's Grammy for best reggae album, marking the third time the 39-year-old singer, songwriter and record producer has won the award.

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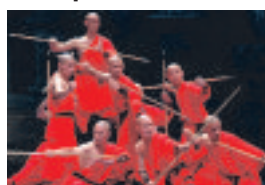


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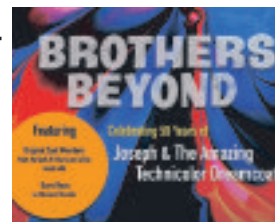
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BBC1

**6.00** Breakfast. **10.00** Saturday Kitchen Live. **11.30** Simply Nigella. (R) **12.00** Bargain Hunt. (R) **1.00** BBC News. Weather. **1.15** Wanted Down Under. (R) **2.00** Escape to the Country. (R) **2.30** Garden Rescue. (R) **3.15** Money for Nothing. (R) **4.15** Film: Monsters vs Aliens. (2009) Animated sci-fi comedy, with the voice of Reese Witherspoon. **5.40** Celebrity Mastermind. (R)  
**6.10** BBC News.  
**6.20** BBC Regional News: Weather.  
**6.30** **Pointless Celebrities.** Tim Rice, Don Black, Connie Fisher, Siobhan Dillon, Claire Sweeney, Nigel Planer, Cory English and Phill Jupitus take part. (R)  
**7.20** **Who Dares Wins.** Game show in which two pairs of complete strangers team up, each battling to outdo the other by listing as much as they know about a given subject.  
**8.00** **Inspector George Gently.** The first of two final cases for the detective, played by Martin Shaw. Gently is on the brink of retirement when he, Bacchus and Coles re-open the case of a woman convicted of killing her husband, hoping to uncover a long-buried miscarriage of justice. However, the investigation places Gently's career on the line and stirs up tension with Bacchus, who worked on the original investigation. (R)  
**9.30** **Mrs Brown's Boys.** Trevor has decided to work for a mission project in Africa, so Agnes resolves to give him an unforgettable send-off, while Cathy's family counselling session descends into chaos. (R)  
**10.00** BBC News. Weather.; National Lottery Update.  
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**12.50** BBC News.  
**In the event of live football being shown, the schedule may run as follows:**  
**2.30** MOTD Live: FIFA World Cup 2018 (S) **5.10** Money for Nothing (S, R) **6.10** News (S) **6.20** Local News; Weather (S) **6.30** MOTD Live: FIFA World Cup 2018 (S) **9.15** Mrs Brown's Boys (S, R) **9.45** News: Weather (S) **10.05** Little Fockers (2010) (S) **11.35** MOTD: FIFA World Cup 2018 Replay (S) **1.20** BBC News (S)

BBC2

**6.25** David Attenborough's Natural Curiosities. (R) **6.45** Absolute Genius Super Tech with Dick & Dom. **7.15** Officially Amazing Goes Bunkers. **7.45** The Denizens. (R) **8.15** Naomi's Nightmares of Nature. (R) **8.45** Deadly Dinosaurs with Steve Backshall. (R) **9.15** Natural Born Winners. (R) **10.15** Homes Under the Hammer. (R) **11.15** Second Chance Summer: Tuscany. (R) **12.15** Tennis: Eastbourne, The Nature Valley International final. **3.00** Coast. (R) **3.25** Natural World: Madagascar, Lemurs and Spies. (R) **4.25** The World's Most Extraordinary Homes. (R) **5.25** The World Cup: Heroes of '66. Dan Walker presents a profile of the World Cup-winning squad managed by Alf Ramsey, featuring interviews with Geoff Hurst, Bobby Moore, Gordon Banks and Jack and Bobby Charlton. (R)  
**6.00** **Managing England: The Impossible Job.** A look at the history of the role of England football manager, featuring interviews with current boss Gareth Southgate and former incumbents including Sven-Goran Eriksson. (R)  
**7.00** **Coastal Path.** Explorer Paul Rose takes in the north Cornish coast, touring Tintagel Castle, experiencing the hustle and bustle of Padstow's 'Obby 'Oss festival, and visiting St Ives. (R)  
**7.30** **Dad's Army.** Mainwaring and the platoon try to capture three German airmen who have landed in a lake after bailing out and intend to stay in their dinghy until nightfall. (R)  
**8.00** **The NHS: To Provide All People.** A film poem charting a day in the life of a regional hospital. Written by Owen Sheers to mark the birth of the NHS 70 years ago and performed by a stellar cast of acting talent.  
**9.00** **Eric Clapton: Life in 12 Bars.** Documentary profiling the blues guitarist, touching on his battles with drugs and alcohol and why his desire to grow his artistic voice led him to quit a stream of successful bands.  
**11.05** Film: **Sex & Drugs & Rock & Roll.** (2010) Biopic of influential punk singer Ian Dury, focusing on the impact his rise to fame and volatile personality had on his relationship with his son. With Andy Serkis and Bill Milner.  
**12.55** Film: Mea Culpa. (2014) **2.20** This Is BBC Two.

ITV

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**6.00** ITV News: Weather.  
**6.15** ITV News London: Weather.  
**6.30** **Film: The Amazing Spider-Man.** (2012) A gifted teenager investigates the secrets hidden in his dead parents' past, leading him to a mysterious corporation and an incident that imbues him with superhuman powers. A personal tragedy drives him to use his new-found abilities to fight crime, and he is soon drawn into a deadly battle against a former colleague of his father, who has undergone a devastating transformation of his own. Superhero adventure reboot, starring Andrew Garfield, Emma Stone and Rhys Ifans.  
**9.00** **Bear's Mission with Anthony Joshua.** Adventurer Bear Grylls teaches the unified world heavyweight champion some alternative survival skills. The duo start off on the notorious Commando Ridge in Cornwall, where the boxer has to climb granite rock, alone traverses and sharp pinnacles. Next, Bear surprises AJ with a tricky descent – a major challenge for anyone nervous of heights – with a "death drop" on all sides. (R)  
**10.00** ITV News: Weather.  
**10.15** FIFA World Cup 2018 Highlights.  
**11.15** Film: **Rocky IV.** (1985)  
**1.00** Jackpot247. **3.00** Mr Selfridge.  
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CHANNEL 4

**6.20** The King of Queens. (R) **6.45** The King of Queens. (R) **7.10** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **7.35** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **8.00** Frasier. (R) **8.30** Frasier. (R) **9.00** Frasier. (R) **9.30** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **10.00** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **10.25** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **10.55** Formula 1 Austrian Grand Prix Practice 3 Live. Further coverage from the ninth round of the season at Red Bull Ring in Spielberg. **12.25** F1 Meets Formula 1. **12.55** Formula 1 Austrian Grand Prix Qualifying Live. Coverage from Red Bull Ring in Spielberg (Start-time 2.00pm). **3.45** A Place in the Sun: Winter Sun. (R) **4.45** Escape to the Chateau: DIY. (R) **5.50** Channel 4 News.  
**6.20** **Film: Titanic.** (1997) A party of explorers studying the sunken remains of the famous liner meets an elderly woman who was a passenger on the ill-fated maiden voyage. She recounts how she boarded the ship while on the brink of being forced into marriage by her family, and was stopped from killing herself by a penniless artist. She fell in love with her saviour, but the disaster on the horizon meant their time together was doomed to be short. James Cameron's Oscar-winning romantic drama, starring Kate Winslet, Leonardo DiCaprio, Billy Zane, Kathy Bates and Bill Paxton.  
**10.00** **Film: Taken 2.** (2012) Former CIA agent Bryan Mills fights to rescue his ex-wife from an Albanian gangster whose son he killed. Action thriller sequel, starring Liam Neeson and Famke Janssen.  
**11.50** **Micky Flanagan: Back in the Game.** The comedian performs to his home crowd at London's Hackney Empire, regaling his audience with tales of middle age, marriage and a man's prerogative. (R)  
**1.20** The Big Narstie Show. The Grime MC and co-host Mo the Comedian present a late-night, alternative entertainment show, joined by celebrity guests to discuss the week's news, TV and trends. (R) **2.15** Hollyoaks. Omnibus. Joel decides to focus on Cleo's health and buys them both fitness watches, while Holly is worried she has made a big mistake. (R) **4.25** Kirstie's Fill Your House for Free. Kirstie Allsopp helps a couple transform their suburban sad (R) **4.45** Wedding Town. The staff faces one of the busiest days of the year. (R) **5.10** Cheap Cheap Cheap. Marijana takes fashion inspiration from Noel. (R)

CHANNEL 5

**6.00** Milkshake! **10.10** Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles. (R) **10.40** Cats Make You Laugh Out Loud. **11.05** Police Interceptors. (R) **12.05** Police Interceptors. (R) **1.05** Nightmare Tenants, Slum Landlords. (R) **2.05** Can't Pay? We'll Take It Away! (R) **3.05** Film: Legally Blonde 2: Red, White and Blonde. (2003) Comedy sequel, starring Reese Witherspoon. **4.10** Access. **4.15** Film: Legally Blonde 2: Red, White and Blonde. (2003) Concluded. **4.55** 5 News Weekend. **5.00** The Wonderful World of Puppies.  
**6.00** **Blind Date.** Paul O'Grady hosts as model and self-confessed attention seeker Plum and dancer Josee each choose between three unseen suitors, based on their answers to a series of questions.  
**7.00** **Karen Carpenter: Goodbye to Love.** Part-dramatised documentary detailing the pop icon's career through the 1970s, when she and older brother Richard clocked up 80 million record sales, to her untimely death from anorexia nervosa. At the age of 32, Richard's addiction to prescription sleeping pills is also explored, as is Karen's abuse of a variety of drugs including laxatives, vomit-inducing syrup and thyroid medication which she illicitly took to speed up her metabolism. Featuring testimony from friends and Carpenters insiders, including Karen's lovers, close advisers and singer Dionne Warwick. Narrated by Iain Glenn. (R)  
**9.00** **Carpenters: Their Greatest Hits.** Performances and official music videos of 16 songs featuring the brother-and-sister duo. Narrator Ken Bruce also offers interesting facts regarding Richard and Karen's act. (R)  
**10.00** **The Michael McIntyre Story.** Documentary about the comedian's rise to fame, examining his breakthrough performance at the 2006 Royal Variety show and role in the reinvention of stand-up comedy on TV. (R)  
**11.30** **Michael McIntyre: Live at the Comedy Store.** The comedian performs at the famous Soho comedy club. (R)  
**12.00** SuperCasino. **2.40** Film: Fight Club. (1999) **5.00** Access. **5.10** House Busters. (R) **5.35** Wildlife SOS. (R)

DIGITAL

**BBC Four**  
**7.00** Earth's Greatest Spectacles **8.00** Simon King's Shetland Diaries **9.00** Hidden **10.00** Timeshift: The Rules of Rinking **11.00** Sound of Cinema: The Music That Made the Movies **12.00** Indie Classics at the BBC **1.00** Top of the Pops: 1985 **1.30** Duran Duran: A Night In **2.30** Simon King's Shetland Diaries **3.30** Close  
**ITV2**  
**11.40** Catchphrase **12.25** Film: Around the World in 80 Days (2004) **1.30** FYI Daily **1.35** Film: Around the World in 80 Days (2004) **2.50** Film: Beethoven (1992) **3.55** FYI Daily **4.00** Film: Beethoven (1992) **4.35** Film: Happy Feet (2006) **5.40** FYI Daily **5.45** Film: Happy Feet (2006) **6.45** Film: Step Up 3 (2010) **7.50** FYI Daily **7.55** Film: Step Up 3 (2010) **9.00** Love Island: The Weekly Hot List **10.05** Celebrity Juice **10.50** Family Guy **12.20** American Dad! **1.20** CelebAbility **2.00** Totally Bonkers Guinness World Records **2.50** Teleshopping **5.50** ITV2 Nightscreen  
**ITV3**  
**3.00** Vera **5.00** Midsomer Murders **7.00** Maigret **9.00** Endeavour **11.00** Vera **1.00** Honest **2.00** ITV3 Nightscreen **2.30** Teleshopping  
**ITV4**  
**12.00** Cash Cowboys **1.00** Pawn Stars **1.30** Film: The War Wagon (1967) **2.30** FYI Daily **2.35** Film: The War Wagon (1967) **3.40** Film: The Alamo (1960) **4.45** FYI Daily **4.50** Film: The Alamo (1960) **6.55** The Chase: Celebrity Special **8.00** River Monsters **9.00** Film: The Gauntlet (1977) **10.00** FYI Daily **10.05** Film: The Gauntlet (1977) **11.15** Film: Born to Raise Hell (2010) **12.15** FYI Daily **12.20** Film: Born to Raise Hell (2010) **1.20** Minder **2.20** The Protectors **2.45** ITV4 Nightscreen **3.00** Teleshopping  
**E4**  
**11.05** The Goldbergs **1.05** Brooklyn Nine-Nine **2.05** Young Sheldon **2.40** Film: Cheaper By the Dozen 2 (2005) **4.30** The Big Bang Theory **9.00** Film: AVP: Alien vs Predator (2004) **10.50** Gogglebox **1.00** Tattoo Fixers **2.05** Rude Tube **4.15** Rude-ish Tube **4.40** How I Met Your Mother  
**Film4**  
**11.00** Fletch (1985) **1.00** How to Train Your Dragon (2010) **2.50** Mr Popper's Penguins (2011) **4.40** Night at the Museum (2006) **6.00** Ride Along (2014) **9.00** Commando (1985) **10.45** Green Room (2015) **12.35** Blue Ruin (2014) **2.20** In Fear (2013) **4.00** Close

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## CHOICE



Romesh Ranganathan

**The Misadventures of Romesh Ranganathan (BBC2, 9pm)**

New series. The comedian visits countries that are rarely visited by tourists to get a sense of the local culture and find out if they deserve their reputation. His first destination is Haiti, a country mostly famous for a dictatorship and a series of natural disasters. Accompanied by journalist Jeremy Dupain, he visits the iron market, attends voodoo ceremonies, and explores a cathedral destroyed by an earthquake.

## BBC1

**6.00** Breakfast. **9.00** The Andrew Marr Show. **10.00** Sunday Morning Live. **11.00** Sunday Politics. **12.15** Bargain Hunt. (R) **1.00** BBC News: Weather. **1.15** Points of View. **1.30** Songs of Praise. **2.05** Film: The Silent Child. (2017) **2.30** Escape to the Continent. (R) **3.30** Wanted Down Under. (R) **4.25** Money for Nothing. (R) **5.10** A Question of Sport. (R) **5.40** Pointless Celebrities. (R)

**6.30 BBC News.****6.50 BBC Regional News:** Weather.

**7.00** **Countryfile.** Matt Baker and Margherita Taylor present the show from Dorset, visiting a nature reserve famous for birds or prey and meeting a couple with a thriving sea fishing business. Plus, Adam Henson visits a farm that is helping people to rebuild their lives. Tom Heap reports on the challenges facing rural schools, and Anita Rani meets one of the contenders in the show's search for a young presenter.

**8.00** **Antiques Roadshow.** Fiona Bruce visits Floors Castle in Roxburghshire, where items include a piece of Robert Burns memorabilia, a diamond pendant and a jade figurine that is not quite what it seems. A marble carving of a baby is the hit of the day for Marc Allum, while a fragile cup and saucer that have survived unscathed since the 18th century are another rare find.

**9.00** **Poldark.** Ross, Sam and Dwight race to the rescue when blasting in the mines causes a disastrous flood. Ossie plans to have Morwenna committed to an asylum.

**10.00 BBC News.****10.20 BBC Regional News:** Weather.**10.30 MOTD: FIFA World Cup 2018 Highlights.****11.15 MOTD: FIFA World Cup 2018 Replay.**

**12.55** Weather for the Week Ahead. **1.00** BBC News.

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## BBC2

**6.25** Glorious Gardens from Above. (R) **7.10** Gardeners' World. (R) **8.10** Countryfile. (R) **9.05** The Beechgrove Garden. **9.35** Saturday Kitchen Best Bites. **11.05** Wimbledon 2017: Review. **12.00** Athletics: Diamond League Paris Highlights. **1.00** Live Athletics: British Championships. The second and final day from Birmingham. **5.00** Flog It! (R) **5.30** Film: Into the Woods. (2014) A wicked witch agrees to lift a curse on a young couple if they will help restore her once beautiful looks. Musical fantasy starring Meryl Streep and Emily Blunt. **7.30** **Mortimer & Whitehouse: Gone Fishing.** Paul and Bob fish for barbel in Hay-on-Wye, and sample the great outdoors in spectacular fashion when Mortimer decides to strip in celebration of their catch. (R)

**8.00** **Russia with Simon Reeve.** On the 100th anniversary of the Russian Revolution, adventurer Simon Reeve embarks on a journey across the world's biggest country. He begins in Russia's far east, and the snow-capped volcanoes of Kamchatka and Yakutia, where reindeer herders live in temperatures as low as minus 30. Outside the eastern port of Vladivostok, Simon investigates the growing influence of China on the area, then passes through the Boreal Forest, where he meets a conservationist dedicated to protecting the Amur tiger. His final destination is a giant hole in the ground in Siberia. (R)

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**10.00** **Reporting Trump's First Year: The Fourth Estate.** Shortly after FBI director James Comey is fired, The Times is onto a huge scoop with ongoing reverberations regarding Comey's memos about his meetings with President Trump.

**11.00** **Best of Glastonbury 2017.** Jo Whaley and Mark Radcliffe introduce highlights from the festival at Worthy Farm in Somerset. (R)

**1.10** Sign Zone: Question Time. (R) **2.10** Holby City. (R) **3.10** This Is BBC Two.

## ITV

**6.00** CITV: Sooty. **6.10** Grizzly Tales for Gruesome Kids. (R) **6.20** Grizzly Tales for Gruesome Kids. (R) **6.35** Dino Dana. (R) **6.50** Mission Emplayable. (R) **6.55** The Oddbods Show. (R) **7.05** Ninjabo: Tournament of Elements. (R) **7.30** The Haunted Hathaways. (R) **7.55** Drop Dead Weird. **8.25** ITV News. **8.30** Zoe Ball on Sunday. **9.25** Who's Doing the Dishes? (R) **10.25** The Best of the Voice Worldwide. **11.20** Midsomer Murders. (R) **1.20** ITV News: Weather. **1.30** Tipping Point: Lucky Stars. (R) **2.30** Countrywise. (R) **3.00** Film: Despicable Me. (2010) **5.00** The Chase. (R)

**6.00 ITV News:** Weather.**6.15 ITV News London:** Weather.

**6.30** **Paul O'Grady: For the Love of Dogs.** Paul and the staff try an unconventional technique to calm down an over-excited mongrel.

**7.00** **Vera.** A mother of two is found murdered in her back garden. Vera and Aiden investigate the case, and delve into the disturbing secrets and ongoing conflicts that lurk beneath the surface of the victim's seemingly peaceful suburban community. The case takes a more complicated turn when the dead woman's estranged family make an unexpected reappearance, and while several of her neighbours may have had cause to carry out a crime of passion, her relatives may have had compelling motives of their own to kill.

**9.00** **Holiday Horrors: Caught on Camera.** Documentary series looking at what can go wrong on holiday, including a ski trip that became a fight for survival, and a horrific case of sunburn. (R)

**10.00 ITV News:** Weather.**10.15 FIFA World Cup 2018 Highlights.****11.15 The Big Fish Off.** (R)

**12.10** Jackpot247. **3.00** Motorsport UK. (R) **3.50** ITV Nightscreen. **5.05** The Jeremy Kyle Show. (R)

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## CHANNEL 4

**6.05** Motor Sport: Caterham. **6.30** Mobil 1: The Grid. **7.00** Motor Sport: British Rally Championship. **7.25** Frasier. (R) **7.55** Frasier. (R) **8.25** Frasier. (R) **8.55** Bake Off: The Professionals. (R) **10.00** Sunday Brunch. **1.00** Formula 1 Austrian Grand Prix Live Build-Up. A look ahead to the ninth round of the season. **1.40** Formula 1 Austrian Grand Prix Live. Coverage of the ninth round of the season (Start-time 2.10pm). **4.30** Formula 1 Austrian Grand Prix Live. A review of the ninth round of the season. **5.30** Bang on Budget.

**6.30 Channel 4 News.**

**7.00** **Escape to the Chateau.** As Dick and Angel prepare for winter, they attend a food festival in Rouen, where they hope to find inspiration over what to do with their fresh fruit and vegetables. Angel adds the finishing touches to the floating geodesic dome in time for a family sleepover, while Dick gets to work fixing the crumbling stucco. Last in the series. (R)

**8.00** **Bake Off: The Professionals.** Liam Charles and Tom Allen host the semi-final of the culinary contest, in which the four remaining teams must take on a secret recipe challenge, create a three-tiered cake, and rise to the unusual challenge of "live plating" to impress judges Cherish Finden and Benoit Blin and win a place in next week's final.

**9.00** **The Handmaid's Tale.** An incident sends shockwaves through both Gilead and Little America. Serena Joy makes a dangerous choice in order to protect her family. Moira searches for someone from her past.

**10.15** **Night and Day.** Spanish crime thriller in which a forensic pathologist is drawn into a dangerous web of torture and scandal surrounding an elusive killer after a man she slept with is killed. The full series is available online.

**11.20** **Film: Alien.** (1979) A cargo spacecraft is invaded by a deadly creature that begins preying on the crew. Ridley Scott's sci-fi horror, with Sigourney Weaver, Tom Skerritt, Ian Holm and John Hurt. **1.40** The Last Leg. (R) **2.35** The Secret Life of the Zoo. (R) **3.30** Selling Houses with Amanda Lamb. (R) **4.25** Mobil 1: The Grid. (R) **4.55** Kirstie's Fill Your House for Free. (R) **5.05** Cheap Cheap Cheap. (R)

## CHANNEL 5

**6.00** Milkshake!: Little Princess. **6.10** Wissper. (R) **6.20** Poppy Cat. (R) **6.30** Milkshake! Monkey. (R) **6.35** The Secret Life of Puppies. (R) **6.40** Moly. (R) **6.45** Simon. (R) **6.55** Only the Little White Van. (R) **7.00** Peppa Pig. (R) **7.05** Paw Patrol. (R) **7.15** Thomas & Friends. (R) **7.35** Fireman Sam. (R) **7.50** Rusty Rivets. (R) **8.05** Paw Patrol. (R) **8.20** Nella the Princess Knight. (R) **8.40** Noddy: Toyland Detective. (R) **8.55** Floogals. (R) **9.10** Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom. (R) **9.25** Shimmer and Shine. (R) **9.40** Digby Dragon. (R) **10.00** Peppa Pig. (R) **10.05** Peppa Pig. (R) **10.10** Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles. (R) **10.45** Pets Make You Laugh Out Loud. **11.10** Blind Date. (R) **12.05** Police Interceptors. (R) **12.55** Police Interceptors. (R) **1.50** Can't Pay? We'll Take It Away! (R) **2.50** Can't Pay? We'll Take It Away! (R) **3.50** Film: Bewitched. (2005) Romantic fantasy comedy, with Nicole Kidman and Will Ferrell. **4.50** Access. **4.55** Film: Bewitched. (2005) Concluded. **5.55** Film: Bride Wars. (2009) Comedy, starring Kate Hudson and Anne Hathaway.

**7.25 5 News Weekend.**

**7.30** **Dirty Dancing: Making Movie Magic.** A celebration made for the 30th anniversary of the movie phenomenon starring Patrick Swayze and Jennifer Grey first captivated cinemagoers as bad boy choreographer Johnny Castle and would-be dancer Baby. This documentary celebrates the Dirty Dancing phenomenon, revisiting favourite scenes, discovering what happened on set – with contributions from cast members Kelly Bishop, Lonny Price and Jane Brucker – and hearing from the behind-the-scenes team, including choreographer Miranda Garrison and writer Eleanor Bergstein. (R)

**9.00** **Film: Dirty Dancing.** (1987) A dance instructor at a 1960s resort teaches a naive teenager about self-expression as they perform in an important show. Romantic drama, with Patrick Swayze and Jennifer Grey. Edited for language and violence.

**10.05** **News Update.** **10.05** **Film: Dirty Dancing.** (1987) Concluded.

**11.05** **Film: The Best of Me.** (2014) Premiere. Romantic drama, with Michelle Monaghan.

**1.15** Cricket on 5. (R) **2.15** SuperCasino. **3.10** Wentworth Prison. (R)

## DIGITAL

**BBC Four**

**7.00** The Search for Alfred the Great **9.00** The World's Biggest Flower Market **9.00** Olympic Dreams of Russian Gold – Over the Limit – Storyville **10.10** Eric Clapton at the BBC – The Rock 'n' Roll Years **10.40** The Art of Scandinavia **11.40** The Art That Made Mexico: Paradise, Power and Prayers **12.40** David Starkey's Music & Monarchy **1.40** The Search for Alfred the Great **2.40** Eric Clapton at the BBC – The Rock 'n' Roll Years **3.10** Close

**ITV2**

**12.15** Take Me Out **1.30** Film: Twister (1996) **2.30** FYI Daily **2.35** Film: Twister (1996) **3.40** Film: Two Weeks Notice (2002) **4.40** FYI Daily **4.45** Film: Two Weeks Notice (2002) **5.45** Film: The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey (2012) **6.45** FYI Daily **6.50** Film: The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey (2012) **9.00** Love Island **10.00** Love Island: Afternoon **11.05** Family Guy **12.30** American Dad! **1.25** CelebrityAbility **2.10** Totally Bonkers Guinness World Records

**ITV3**

**6.25** Victoria **9.00** Unforgotten **11.00** Wire in the Blood **1.00** Blue Murder **2.20** Liverpool **3.15** Road to Avonlea **5.00** Judge Judy **5.45** ITV3 Nightscreen

**ITV4**

**11.15** Film: Bill & Ted's Excellent Adventure (1989) **12.15** FYI Daily **12.20** Film: Bill & Ted's Excellent Adventure (1989) **1.05** Film: Smokey and the Bandit (1977) **2.05** FYI Daily **2.10** Film: Smokey and the Bandit (1977) **3.00** Live Cycling. Coverage of the National Road Championships. **6.00** Film: The Alamo (1960) **7.05** FYI Daily **7.10** Film: The Alamo (1960) **9.15** Film: The Outlaw Josey Wales (1976) **10.15** FYI Daily **10.20** Film: The Outlaw Josey Wales (1976) **12.00** Film: Born to Raise Hell (2010) **1.00** FYI Daily **1.05** Film: Born to Raise Hell (2010) **2.05** Minder **2.50** ITV4 Nightscreen **3.00** Teleshopping

**E4**

**1.00** Young Sheldon **1.30** The Big Bang Theory **5.55** The Crystal Maze: Celebrity Special **7.00** Film: Rise of the Planet of the Apes (2011) **9.00** Marvel's Agents of SHIELD **10.00** Gogglebox **11.05** Gogglebox Australia **12.10** The Big Bang Theory **1.05** Marvel's Agents of SHIELD **2.10** Gogglebox Australia

**Film4**

**1.00** Stuart Little (1999) **2.40** The Return of the Pink Panther (1974) **4.55** Night at the Museum: Secret of the Tomb (2014) **6.50** The River Wild (1994) **9.00** Sicario (2015) **11.20** The Guard (2011) **1.10** Drug War (2012) **3.25** Close

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FILM CHOICES

MONDAY

**Lethal Weapon, Channel 5, 9pm**

An unstable Vietnam veteran cop teams up with a by-the-book Los Angeles police detective to investigate the apparent suicide of the daughter of a wealthy businessman, leading them to a violent and bloody confrontation with a ruthless drug cartel under the control of a retired US general. Action thriller, starring Mel Gibson, Danny Glover, Gary Busey, Mitchell Ryan and Tom Atkins. (1987)

TUESDAY

**Wall of Silence, Channel 5, 3.15pm**

When a university student goes missing, her mother, a former police officer, goes in search for her. But what she encounters is a wall of academia bureaucracy and cover-ups that point to an abuse of authority stemming all the way to the government. Thriller, starring Ireland Baldwin, Victoria Pratt and Morgan Taylor Campbell. (2016)



Mad Max Beyond Thunderdome, Friday, ITV, 10.50pm

WEDNESDAY

**What Maisie Knew, Channel 4, 12.55am**

A six-year-old girl finds herself a pawn in the ongoing divorce of her self-absorbed mother and father, who are both desperate to get custody of the child but blind to her own feelings. As both parents begin disastrous new relationships, the youngster is forced to develop an unexpected maturity to cope with her situation. Drama, starring Julianne Moore. (2012)

THURSDAY

**Hidden Truth: Lies Will Surface, Channel 5, 3.15pm**

A young woman is forced to prove her brother's innocence after a teenage girl is found murdered in a California town. But she discovers a disturbing dark side to the community, and the hidden identity of the killer. Thriller, starring Shawn Christian. (2016)

FRIDAY

**Mad Max Beyond Thunderdome, ITV, 10.50pm**

The warrior pitches up in the city of a cut-throat desert community in search of his stolen vehicle and ends up making a deal with a local dictator to get rid of her rival for power. However, when the bargain turns sour, he is cast out into the wilderness. Sci-fi adventure sequel, starring Mel Gibson. (1985)

# The NHS Choir look to find their singing voice

There have been lots of programmes to mark the 70th anniversary of the NHS, and many of them have made a point of celebrating the service's unsung heroes.

But now those unsung heroes get a chance to belt out a tune for all they are worth as part of The NHS Big Singalong Live.

That's because the NHS Choir is being joined by popstars and celebrities in a bid to smash the world record for the biggest live singalong ever to be broadcast.

The song they will be performing is The Beatles' classic With a Little Help from My Friends (presumably more people knew the words to that than to the Fab Four's more medically minded Doctor Robert).

But breaking a record doesn't just take dedication, it also requires organisation, and in this programme presenters Sara Cox and Ashley Banjo follow the build-up to the big event.

It's a cause that's clearly close to both their hearts. Sara said: "It is so

exciting to be part of this challenge to break a world record and celebrate the amazing work of the NHS. We'll be travelling the length and breadth of the UK recruiting people to join in to make sure we smash that record and show everyone working in our NHS how much we appreciate them."

Ashley added: "We want to recognise and celebrate the hardworking and dedicated staff who keep the NHS going every day and highlight the human kindness at the heart of the incredible care and treatment they make available to every single one of us."

The pair will be charting the progress of choirmasters doctor Katie Rogerson and NHS worker Joe Blunden as they scour the health service for potential warblers, while also recruiting a few famous performers as well.

In the process, we'll meet some extraordinary patients and staff, and find out why some of the celebrity recruits have very personal reasons for wanting to support the NHS.

Once the singers are assembled, the presenters will be joining the Lewisham and Greenwich NHS Choir and their famous friends at the iconic Abbey Road studios, where the Beatles recorded the original track.

And more choirs and staff will be joining in the live broadcast from hospitals and other locations across the UK, with one group performing on the cobbles of Coronation Street.

Hopefully, it will be a record-breaking effort, but Joe Blunden's ambitions don't quite stop there. Cameras will capture the excitement when a version of the song is also be recorded at Abbey Road, ready to be released as a charity single.

Joe says: "We are determined to both smash that live singalong record and get to number one!"

And seeing as the Lewisham and Greenwich NHS Choir previously held Justin Bieber at bay to claim the 2015 Christmas number one with A Bridge Over Your, maybe, with a little help from the health service's many friends, his dream will come true.



The NHS Big Singalong Live, Wednesday, ITV, 9pm

## BEST OF THE REST

MONDAY

**David Walliams Presents - Return of Alright on the Night**

Now that clips of on-camera mishaps can be shared around the world online, is there still a place for it'll be Alright on the Night on TV? Well, if anyone can persuade us there's still life in the format (which many viewers will forever associate with the now 96-year-old Denis Norden), it's David Walliams. Here, the Britain's Got Talent judge, children's author and all-round one-man-entertainment industry will bring us a selection of classic outtakes, as well as some brand new clips. And if that doesn't sate your appetite for watching TV presenters get it wrong, there's a second edition showing on Tuesday. But the question remains, will Walliams have inherited Norden's trademark clipboard?

TUESDAY

**Our Girl BBC1, 9.10pm**

The team struggles to meet Bone's expectations, but the new leader of 2-Section threatens to send one of them home and bring in another medic, putting Georgie's place at risk. The section are assigned to work in refugee camps to help the influx of refugees coming in from Myanmar, which

have been set up by Barsha Chowdhrey, the wife of the local police chief. Inspector Chowdhrey is known for his hatred of corruption in the region and at a gala held for the Brigadier, Bones spots a suspect package placed underneath his chair, prompting him to leap into action

WEDNESDAY

**Street Food Servants BBC1, 7.30pm**

The fascinating Our Lives strand continues with this documentary, which was originally broadcast last months in the London area, but can now be seen by the rest of the country. Anita Rani tells the story of one man who has devoted his life to helping the homeless. Randeep Singh started his small charity in Southall, London, with just a handful of volunteers but has now transformed it into a sophisticated national task force feeding and clothing thousands of people every week. He is now looking to expand, but that brings a new set of challenges.

The Highland Midwife

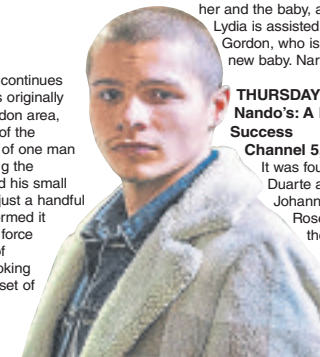
Channel 5, 8pm  
Community midwife Hayley

undertakes a journey from the heart of the Highlands to the city hospital, to help with the delivery of mum Rachel's baby. Meanwhile, in Campbeltown on the west coast, first-time mother Morven is determined to have a local birth and midwife Helen must decide on the safest option for her and the baby, and in Aberdeen, midwife Lydia is assisted by hands-on dad Gordon, who is keen to help deliver his new baby. Narrated by Pam Ferris.

THURSDAY

**Nando's: A PERi PERi Big Success**

Channel 5, 9pm  
It was founded by Fernando Duarte and Robert Brozin in the Johannesburg suburb Rosettenville in 1987 when they visited a restaurant called Chickenland, and now Nando's has over 1,000 restaurants across the globe, with 400 in the UK alone. So what is the secret of its success? This



Romper Stomper, Friday, BBC2, 11.05pm

documentary tells the story of the food chain from the company's humble beginnings - it almost sank without trace after opening its first UK takeaway in 1992 in Ealing - to the multi-million-pound brand it is today. The programme also looks at what ingredients go into its famous Mozambican-style peri-peri sauce and how social media exposure and celebrity endorsements (Prince William is apparently a fan) have added to its success.

FRIDAY

**Romper Stomper BBC2, 11.05pm**

The 1992 Australian film Romper Stomper, which followed a Neo Nazi group in Melbourne, may have been controversial, but it did help to mark Russell Crowe out as a rising star - it was the movie that persuaded director Curtis Hanson to cast him in LA Confidential. This belated TV sequel may also prove to be a star-making vehicle for its cast, including Toby Wallace as Kane. In this third episode, his mother Gabe (Jacqueline McKenzie, reprising her role from the movie) is heartbroken to discover he's joined a far-right group. Meanwhile, his stepsister Cindi (Markella Kavenagh) has become involved with the anti-fascist movement. So that's settling the scene or a lot of family conflict which threatens to explode in the second half of this double bill.

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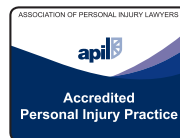
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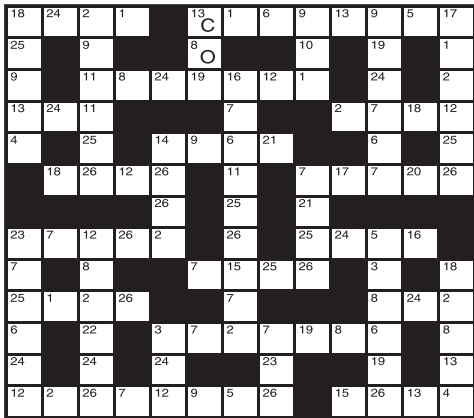


## BRAIN GYM

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## Codeword

Each number in the grid represents a different letter of the alphabet and every letter of the alphabet is used. Use the given letter(s) to the right of the main grid to start you off.



LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION:

1	Z	C	X	K	G	E	D	R	H	F	S	J	Y
2	N	T	U	A	W	B	L	I	V	Q	O	M	P

## Double Crossword

Choose either quick or cryptic clues - both fit the same grid.

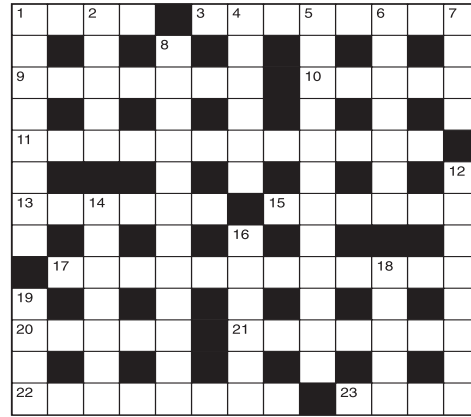
## Cryptic Clues:

## Across

1. Neckwear, we hear, for a dandy (4)
3. Agreements for cosmetic containers (8)
9. A classical naval battle - for Italian sausages! (7)
10. A long time coming back to the ring (5)
11. A contest among comedians? (6,2,4)
13. Yet all has been rearranged recently (6)
15. Does artistic work and puts the first of the colours in different sheet (6)
17. One with rank on board lacking magnanimity? (5,7)
20. A certain quantity of fuel I treasured (5)
21. A bit of upper turbulence to cause agitation (7)
22. A request certain to give satisfaction (8)
23. Boss required to equine establishment (4)

## Down

1. Headquarters Dance in which pitchers are used (8)
2. Apportion a levy that's been raised (5)
4. Son who strangely is being exhibited (2,6)
5. Risk getting your fingers burnt (4,4,4)
6. Sounds like one tricks a wild animal (7)
7. See 14 Down.
8. Brief communications in lower case (5,7)
12. Attributed to the writer in the present era (8)
- 14 & 7Dn. It may be occupied by the stall-holder (7,4)
16. Small change for the policeman (6)
18. It's a place for trying recreation area (5)
19. It's a mistake to depart unobtrusively (4)



## Quick Clues:

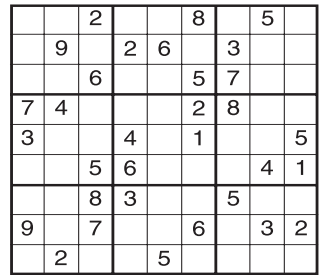
## Across

1. Irritation (4)
3. Scrawl (8)
9. Imagine (7)
10. Thin silk fabric (5)
11. Parsimony (6-6)
13. Stagger back (6)
15. Picture-house (6)
17. Unavailing (12)
20. Edible bulb (5)
21. Feeling (7)
22. Urgent (8)
23. At one time (4)

## Down

1. Unsafe (8)
2. Coppice (5)
4. Eerie (6)
5. Pause (7)
6. Poise (7)
7. A paradise (4)
8. Components (12)
12. Mode of speech (8)
14. Entrust (7)
16. Shelter (6)
18. Sham (5)
19. Ceremony (4)

## Sudoku



Fill in the grid above so that every column, every row and each of the 3x3 boxes contains all the digits from 1 to 9.

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS &gt;

8	6	3	2	1	4	7	9	5
1	2	4	5	9	7	6	3	8
9	7	5	6	8	3	4	2	1
5	3	1	9	7	6	8	4	2
6	8	7	3	4	2	1	5	9
2	4	9	1	5	8	3	6	7
4	5	8	7	3	9	2	1	6
7	1	2	4	6	5	9	8	3
3	9	6	8	2	1	5	7	4

LAST WEEK'S CROSSWORD SOLUTIONS:  
CRYPTIC - Across: 6 Combine; 7 Cover; 9 Scree; 10 Cast out; 12 Stand at ease; 14 Double fault; 18 Writers; 19 Gaffe; 21 Takes; 22 Amnesia. Down: 1 Pouch; 2 Object; 3 End; 4 Bottle; 5 Request; 8 Caravan; 11 Unheard; 13 Poor law; 15 Butter; 16 Leader; 17 Of gin; 20 Imp.  
QUICK - Across: 6 Jocular; 7 Charm; 9 Broad; 10 Quieten; 12 Deportation; 14 Permissible; 18 Hosiery; 19 Impel; 21 Bully; 22 Fatigue. Down: 1 Board; 2 Humane; 3 Gag; 4 Threat; 5 Freedom; 8 Curtail; 11 Consort; 13 Decorum; 15 Mainly; 16 Limpid; 17 Venue; 20 Pay.

## Quiz

1. Which country was rocked by the Recruit scandal?
2. Which soccer hero received a knighthood in the 1994 Queen's Birthday Honours list?
3. What does an entomologist study?
4. What is the capital of New Mexico?
5. In which sport is play started by a 'bully'?
6. What is the US's oldest educational institution?
7. Which country's largest lake is Lake Garda?
8. What do we call a single dot on a computer screen?
9. Which genus of tree includes the peach, the apricot and the cherry?
10. Of which war was the Battle of Crecy the first important battle?

## Last week's solutions:

Quiz: 1 Just So Stories; 2 Singapore; 3 Sue Barker; 4 Taffeta; 5 Catherine Parr; 6 Odin; 7 Dutch; 8 New Zealand; 9 A wading bird; 10 Justice of the Peace.

Niner: HARMONICS

## Niner

Each number from 1 to 9 represents a different letter. Solve the clues and insert the letters in the appropriate squares to discover a word which uses all nine letters.

45689 gives seafood,  
946817 gives more seafood,  
43265 gives something found in the sea.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
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It has a reception hall, lounge, family room, dining kitchen, utility room, landing, four bedrooms, bathroom, shower room, garage, landscaped south facing gardens, double glazing and gas central heating.

In more detail the reception hall has oak flooring, ornate plaster coving, and an under stairs storage cupboard. The lounge has a bow window, a feature fire surround having an electric log burner-effect fire and a coved ceiling.

The dining kitchen has French windows to the rear garden, roof lights, down-lighters, an extensive range of base units, drawers, laminate work surfaces, wall cupboards, glazed display cabinets, a wine rack, an island unit, breakfast bar, an extractor fan, and a one and a half bowl inset sink with mixer taps.

The utility room has plumbing for a washing machine and there is a fully fitted shower room.

On the first floor, the landing has ornate plaster coving and two built-in linen cupboards. Bedroom one has built-in wardrobes, bedroom two has a built-in wardrobe with sliding mirror doors and an ornate plaster ceiling rose. Of the two further bedrooms, bedroom four has a built-in storage cupboard.

The fully tiled re-fitted bathroom has a white suite with a P shaped bath, Triton electric instant shower and a chrome heated towel rail.

The landscaped gardens are south facing with lawns, flower borders, ornamental trees and shrubs, timber deck terrace, and paved patio. The rear garden is enclosed with outside lighting, feature slate areas and the property is approached via a block paviour driveway/parking area.

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## Detached with no chain on a very popular road

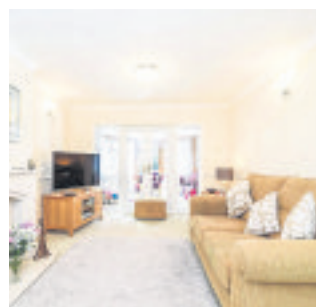
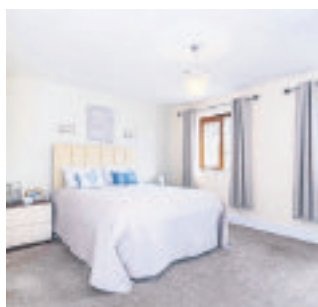
CANNOCK  
£325,000

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- Garage
- Driveway
- Awaiting EPC rating

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- A modern two bedroom apartment
- Gas central heating and double glazing
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- Bathroom
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- A Two Bedroom Semi-Deatched House
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- Lounge, Dining Room & Fitted Kitchen
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- A Three Bedroom Semi-Deatched House
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# Well-presented family house is located in a popular area

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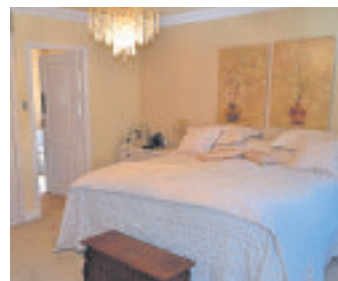
A very well-presented and exceptionally spacious four-bedroomed detached family residence, Pendle House, 13 Sandy Lane, Cannock, is for sale through Flint & Co at £525,000.

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# Immaculately presented and spacious home with four beds

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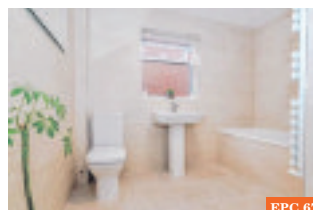
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- Garden

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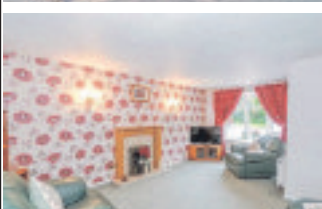
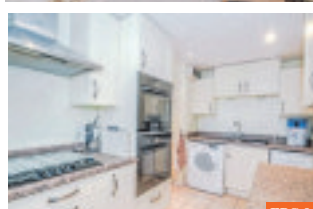



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- Two Double Bedrooms
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- Through Lounge Diner
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- Driveway
- Close To Local Amenities
- Viewing Essential

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EPC 0

- Sought After Location
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- En-Suite to Master
- Two Reception Rooms
- Conservatory
- Tandem Garage
- Block Paved Driveway
- Viewing Essential

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**HEDNESFORD**  
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EPC 63

- Entrance
- Lounge
- Kitchen Diner
- Conservatory
- Three Bedrooms
- Bathroom

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**HUNTINGTON**  
HIGHLAND ROAD




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- No Chain
- Three Bedrooms
- Driveway
- Guest WC

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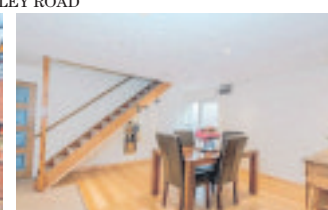
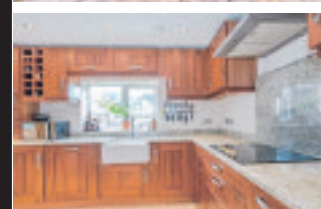
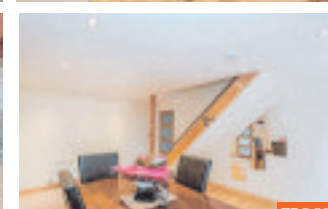



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- Lounge
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- Viewing Essential

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## Spacious and well-presented dormer home is for sale

**CANNOCK**  
**£375,000**

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The property comprises an entrance hall, a through hall, a lounge, a dining room, two bedrooms/reception rooms, a ground floor shower room, a fitted breakfast kitchen and a utility room.

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## Smart semi has two good bedrooms

**HAZELSLADE**  
**£175,000**

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It is located on a popular residential estate close to all amenities, with Cannock Chase being close by.

The accommodation briefly comprises an entrance hall, a lounge, a dining room, kitchen, landing, two bedrooms and bathroom. There is block paved full width driveway with gated additional parking.

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- Available 20th July Onward

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- Available Now

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- Executive detached residence 4
- Greatly extended accommodation 2
- Desirable Cul-de-Sac location
- Immaculate, contemporary interiors C

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CHESLYN HAY, LOW STREET

- Extended link-detached residence 3
- Deceptively spacious property 2
- Two reception rooms
- Double garage with sauna

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LICHFIELD, REDLOCK FIELD

- Traditional semi-detached residence 3
- Sought after South Lichfield location 1
- Enchanting, mature rear garden
- Offered with no onward chain D

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GREAT WYRLEY, LOVE LANE

- Superb detached bungalow 3
- Beautifully presented interiors 1
- Well appointed kitchen
- Impressive conservatory D

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BURNTWOOD, ST STEPHENS ROAD

- Extended link-detached family home 3
- Popular residential location 2
- Two spacious reception rooms
- Ample driveway, tandem garage E

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BURNTWOOD, SEDGEMOOR AVENUE

- Extended, detached residence 3
- Delightful Cul-de-Sac location 1
- Scope for further extension (STPP)
- Offered with no onward chain

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BURNTWOOD, CANNOCK ROAD

- Renovated, extended family semi 3
- Contemporary open-plan interiors 1
- Private, expansive rear garden
- Handsome frontage. Ample parking C

Great Wyrley Office - £185,000



CHESLYN HAY, WESTON DRIVE

- Neatly presented semi 3
- Pleasant village location 1
- Through lounge / dining room
- Rear garden. Driveway parking D

Great Wyrley Office - £169,995



CHURCHBRIDGE, NUTHURST DRIVE

- Semi-detached bungalow 2
- Two double bedrooms 1
- Sought after location
- No upward chain F

Great Wyrley Office - £125,000



GREAT WYRLEY, COLINWOOD CLOSE

- Mid town house 3
- Ideal FTB / investor buy 1
- Close to amenities, schools etc.
- Driveway parking

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<p><b>Sweetbriar Way</b> <b>WIMBLEBURY</b></p>  <p>Well presented executive four bedroom detached house / Occupies enviable secluded plot / Spacious living &amp; sleeping accommodation / Six reception rooms including rear conservatory living area</p> <p><b>£339,000</b></p>	<p><b>Kingscroft</b> <b>WIMBLEBURY</b></p>  <p>Executive four bedroom detached family home / Set on large end plot within quiet &amp; sought after cul-de-sac / Large private rear garden / Driveway with parking for several vehicles / Double garage currently</p> <p><b>£320,000</b></p>	<p><b>Watermint Close</b> <b>WIMBLEBURY</b></p>  <p>Three bedroom detached family home / Sought after location / Off road parking for 2/3 / Victorian pitched roof conservatory / Spacious lounge &amp; separate dining room</p> <p><b>£250,000</b></p>	<p><b>Hill Street</b> <b>NORTON CANES</b></p>  <p>Immaculate three bedroom semi detached dormer bungalow / Set over floors / Situated in quiet cul-de-sac / Open plan kitchen diner / Stunning orangery to rear / Substantial first floor converted dormer</p> <p><b>Offers in Excess of £240,000</b></p>	<p><b>Carlton Close</b> <b>HEATH HAYES</b></p>  <p>Three bedroom detached family home / Large corner plot within a sought after location / Open plan kitchen-diner finished to a high specification / Delightful south facing private rear garden</p> <p><b>Offers in the Region Of £230,000</b></p>	<p><b>Edward Street</b> <b>CANNOCK</b></p>  <p>Well presented &amp; deceptively spacious three bedroom detached family home / Set on good sized plot / Large well established private rear garden / Spacious living &amp; sleeping accommodation</p> <p><b>£210,000</b></p>
<p><b>Armitage Lane</b> <b>BRERETON</b></p>  <p>Deceptively spacious four bedroom semi detached house / Spacious lounge-diner / Large breakfast kitchen / Conservatory / Versatile ground floor bedroom / En-suite to master / Private rear garden</p> <p><b>£195,000</b></p>	<p><b>Bond Way</b> <b>HEDNESFORD</b></p>  <p>Well presented three bedroom detached house / Occupies corner plot / Good sized lounge &amp; open plan kitchen / Two car driveway / Private rear garden</p> <p><b>£190,000</b></p>	<p><b>View Street</b> <b>HEDNESFORD</b></p>  <p>Deceptively spacious two bedroom detached bungalow / Set on good sized plot / Charming mature private rear garden / NO ONWARD CHAIN / Delightful rear sun room</p> <p><b>£190,000</b></p>	<p><b>Pye Green Road</b> <b>CANNOCK</b></p>  <p>Well presented three bedroom semi detached house / Built in popular 1930's style / Set on good sized plot &amp; recently refurbished throughout / Superb spacious open plan dining kitchen</p> <p><b>£180,000</b></p>	<p><b>Wolverhampton Road</b> <b>CANNOCK</b></p>  <p>Deceptively spacious two/three bedroom dormer style bungalow / ●●●NO ONWARD CHAIN●●● / Delightful rear conservatory / Low maintenance rear garden / Garage and driveway</p> <p><b>Offers in Excess of £180,000</b></p>	<p><b>Chapel Street</b> <b>NORTON CANES</b></p>  <p>Three bedroom dormer style bungalow / Sought after village of Norton Canes / Spacious open plan lounge diner / Driveway with parking for 2/3 vehicles / Delightful well maintained private rear</p> <p><b>£170,000</b></p>
<p><b>Oakleigh Drive</b> <b>BRERETON</b></p>  <p>Well presented two bedroom mid-terraced house / Set within quiet cul-de-sac location / Far reaching views of the countryside / Superb contemporary split level layout / Good sized tiered private rear garden</p> <p><b>£160,000</b></p>	<p><b>Hussey Road</b> <b>NORTON CANES</b></p>  <p>Well presented two bedroom semi detached house / Good sized lounge / Modern fitted open plan dining kitchen / Charming private rear garden / Driveway for two vehicles</p> <p><b>Offers in the Region Of £140,000</b></p>	<p><b>Evergreen Heights</b> <b>HEDNESFORD</b></p>  <p>Well presented two bedroom semi detached house / Freshly painted throughout &amp; benefits from newly modern fitted kitchen &amp; bathroom / Tarmac driveway with parking for two vehicles</p> <p><b>Offers in Excess of £140,000</b></p>	<p><b>Heath Gap Road</b> <b>CANNOCK</b></p>  <p>Traditional victorian three bedroom semi detached house / Modern fitted kitchen &amp; ground floor bathroom / Spacious living accommodation / Large private rear garden</p> <p><b>Offers in Excess of £130,000</b></p>	<p><b>Bryans Way</b> <b>WIMBLEBURY</b></p>  <p>Two bedroom semi detached house / Quiet cul-de-sac / Rural views to rear / Spacious lounge and kitchen-diner / Private rear garden / Driveway for 2 cars</p> <p><b>Offers in Excess of £125,000</b></p>	<p><b>Mount Street</b> <b>HEDNESFORD</b></p>  <p>Well presented &amp; superbly maintained traditional three bedroom terraced house / Refurbished to good standard / New soffits on the garage / Spacious lounge / Modern fitted open plan kitchen-diner</p> <p><b>£125,000</b></p>
<p><b>Springfield Rise</b> <b>HEDNESFORD</b></p>  <p>Well presented two bedroom terraced house / Set on quiet cul-de-sac / Tastefully decorated &amp; finished to good modern standard / Two spacious reception rooms / Modern fitted kitchen &amp; bathroom /</p> <p><b>£120,000</b></p>	<p><b>Highland Road</b> <b>HUNTINGTON</b></p>  <p>Three bedroom mid terraced house / Gated driveway and front garden / Private rear garden / NO ONWARD CHAIN</p> <p><b>Offers in the Region Of £115,950</b></p>	<p><b>Apple Walk</b> <b>HEATH HAYES</b></p>  <p>Mid terraced one bedroom house / Ideal for first time buyers or investors / Open plan living area / Open plan living area / Modern fitted kitchen / Off road parking for one vehicle plus visitors spaces</p> <p><b>£95,000</b></p>	<p><b>Barnard Way</b> <b>CANNOCK</b></p>  <p>Two bedroom ground floor maisonette / Exciting investment opportunity / Available with a sitting tenant / Rental income of £pound;500 PCM</p> <p><b>£85,000</b></p>	<p><b>Nelson Drive</b> <b>WIMBLEBURY</b></p>  <p>one bedroom self contained ground floor maisonette / Quiet cul-de-sac / Open plan living area / Shower room / Ideal for first time buyers and investors</p> <p><b>£75,000</b></p>	<p><b>Chaffinch Close</b> <b>HEDNESFORD</b></p>  <p>One bedroom self contained first floor maisonette / Quiet cul-de-sac / Modern fitted kitchen and shower room / Ideal for first time buyer or investors</p> <p><b>£65,000</b></p>



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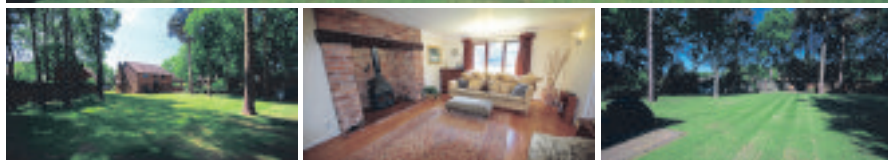
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Oakfield Close, Etching Hill

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NEW



● JR Distinctive Homes are pleased to offer for sale this superb detached residence sat in a mature garden plot of approximately 1/3 of an acre. "Tanglewood" is positioned at the top of a private drive, being one of only seven properties and is located on the rural fringe of Cannock Chase.

The Cliffs, Meadow Lane, L. Haywood

£450,000

NEW



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East Butts Road, Etching Hill

£425,000

NEW



● JR Distinctive Homes are pleased to offer for sale this unique designed and much improved detached family home in a sought after location. This family sized home sits on a good sized garden plot with plentiful parking to front and private garden to rear. Internally the accommodation comprises: Hallway, Lounge, Open plan kitchen with dining room, utility

West Butts Road, Etching Hill

£540,000 stamp duty paid

NEW



● JR Distinctive Homes are delighted to offer for sale this deceptive and large executive detached situated in a prime residential area with open aspect to rear. The Old Post Office as the property is locally known combines traditional features and proportions whilst having been remodeled, refitted and much improved by the current vendors. To the front and side of the

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Littlehay Manor, Colton

£299,950



SOLD

● JR Properties are pleased to market this modern three bedroom semi detached family home, situated on a quiet private road within the sought after village of Colton. Having open aspect to rear and well maintained throughout. Entrance Hallway, Guest Cloakroom, Lounge, Family Breakfast Kitchen and Utility. Landing to Master

St Thomas Way, Hawksyard

£186,950



SOLD

● JR Properties are pleased to offer for sale this very well presented and deceptive end terraced property with a garage. The property is offered with No Upward Chain and features: hallway, lounge backing onto rear garden, kitchen diner, guest cloaks, three good size bedrooms, main bathroom and en suite to master, pleasant rear

Mount Road, Etching Hill

£299,950



SOLD

JR Properties are pleased to offer for sale this traditional semi detached house located on a prestigious road in Etching Hill with open aspect to the front elevation. The accommodation comprises in brief: Hallway, lounge, dining room, kitchen with utility and guest wc, garden room, three bedrooms, refitted bathroom and attic space.

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St Johns Drive, Hawksyard

£229,950



NEW



● JR Properties are pleased to offer for sale this well presented and spacious three bedroom detached family home situated on the ever popular Hawksyard development. The property sits on a corner position at the beginning of the development and overlooks a green area to the front. Internally the current vendors have remodeled the kitchen and dining room into a spacious open plan kitchen diner being completely refitted with high gloss units and integrated appliances. Viewing essential

Upton Place, Rugeley

£145,000



NEW

● JR Properties are pleased to offer for sale this three bedroom semi detached family home being located in a popular area. Accommodation having Hallway, Lounge and Breakfast Kitchen. Landing to Three Bedrooms and Bathroom. Gardens to front and rear with Driveway.

Sheringham Drive, Etching

£275,000



NEW

● JR Properties are pleased to offer for sale this extended three double bedroom bungalow situated at the end of a cul-de-sac. The bungalow sits on an elevated plot with far reaching views to the front and internal inspection is highly recommended to appreciate the spacious design and layout, also offered with NO UPWARD CHAIN

Lower Birches Way, Rugeley

£259,950



NEW



● JR Properties are pleased to offer for sale this well presented four bedroom detached property situated in a corner position at the end of a private drive. Internally this spacious family home offers flexible accommodation and comprises: Hallway, Guest WC, Lounge, Dining Room, Conservatory, Refitted Kitchen, Four bedrooms, Refitted Bathroom and En Suite, Front and Rear Gardens with plentiful parking

Somerset Avenue, Rugeley

£186,950



STAR  
BUY

● JR Properties are pleased to offer for sale this spacious and well presented detached family home situated on a large impressive plot with private gardens and plentiful parking. Briefly comprising hallway, guest wc, lounge, kitchen/diner, study, three bedrooms and bathroom, viewing essential

Dyke Road, Armitage

£168,950



STAR  
BUY

● JR Properties are pleased to offer for sale this three bedroom semi detached home, in the sought after village of Armitage. Having Entrance Hallway, Guest Cloakroom, Fitted Kitchen, Lounge and Conservatory. Landing to Three Bedrooms and Bathroom. Driveway for parking and Gardens to front and rear.

Hednesford Road, Rugeley

£399,950



NEW



● JR Distinctive Homes are pleased to offer for sale this traditional 1920's four bedroom detached property situated on one of the largest garden plots on the Hednesford Road. "Tall Trees" as the property is locally known offers family sized flexible accommodation with all the wonderful proportions and features one would expect to find in a property of this era. The garden is a particular feature and has established trees and formal garden areas with manicured lawns and seclusion and privacy. The accommodation in

Chadfield Road, Rugeley

£299,950



NEW  
PRICE

● JR Distinctive Homes are pleased to offer for sale arguably one of the finest detached bungalows in Rugeley within walking distance to the town. The bungalow is situated on a large mature garden plot surrounded by similar detached bungalows in a leafy part of the town. The plot has two driveway entrances providing plentiful

Langley Way, Hawksyard

£219,950



MUST  
BE  
VIEWED

● JR Properties are pleased to offer for sale this superbly presented four bedroom semi detached three storey home. The property is positioned on a corner with garage and parking to the side. Internally the master bedroom occupies the top floor with en suite and dressing area, three further bedrooms, master bathroom, lounge, dining

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## FILEY CLOSE, CANNOCK

NEW



- One Bed Flat
- Lounge
- Kitchen
- Shower Room
- GCH, Garden
- Energy Rating C
- NO DSS OR PETS

£425 pcm

## ANDREWS COURT, BRIDGTOWN

NEW



- One Bed Flat
- Lounge/Diner
- Kitchen
- Bathroom
- Electric Heating
- DG, Parking
- Energy Rating C
- NO DSS OR PETS

£460 pcm

## CHARTERFIELD DRIVE, HEATH HAYES.

NEW



- 2 Bed Semi
- Lounge
- Kitchen/Diner
- GCH/DG
- Parking
- Energy rating D
- NO DSS/Pets

£625 pcm

## ELLESMERE ROAD, CANNOCK

NEW



- 3Bed Semi
- Lounge/diner
- GCH
- Rear Garden
- Driveway
- Energy Rating E
- No DSS/Pets.

£650 pcm

## CAPERCAILLIE DRIVE, HEATH HAYES

NEW



- Three Bed Mid
- Lounge, Kitchen
- Guest WC
- En-Suite & Bathroom
- GCH & DG
- Gardens, Drive & Garage
- Energy Rating C
- NO DSS OR PETS

£795 pcm

## OLD HEDNESFORD ROAD, CANNOCK

NO CHAIN



- A Fully Refurbished Detached Family Residence.
- Reception Hall, Guest WC, Lounge
- Impressive Kitchen/Diner, Utility
- Spacious Master Bedroom with En-Suite
- Four Further Bedrooms, Family Bathroom
- Integral Garage, Detached Garage, Driveway, Front, Side & Back

£349,950

## LITTLEWORTH ROAD, HEDNESFORD

REDUCED



- A Unique Detached Bungalow with Potential Annex
- Reception Hall, Lounge, Re-Fitted Kitchen
- Conservatory, Dining Room

£289,950

## ELLESMERE ROAD, CANNOCK



- Three Bedrooms, Re-Fitted Bathroom, Shower Room
- Sitting Room, Detached Garage
- Driveway & Delightful Gardens

£289,950

## ROWAN CLOSE, HUNTINGTON

REDUCED



- A Modern Extremeley Well Presented Four Bedroom Detached Family Home.
- Reception Hall, Guest WC
- Family Lounge, Dining Room

OIRO £227,500

## ROWAN CLOSE, HUNTINGTON



- Kitchen, Four Bedrooms
- En-Suite & Family Bathroom
- Garage, Driveway
- Landscaped Rear Garden

OIRO £227,500

## WALSALL ROAD, CHURCHBRIDGE



- An Extremely Well Presented Three Bedroom Semi Detached House
- Reception Hall/ Dining Room, Lounge
- Modern Kitchen
- Three Bedrooms, Re-Fitted Bathroom
- Front and Delightful Rear Gardens
- Garage and Driveway

£210,000

## SAPPHIRE DRIVE, HEATH HAYES

REDUCED



- An Immaculately Presented Three Bedroom Detached House
- Entrance Hall, Kitchen
- Utility, Guest WC

£209,995



- Family Lounge, Generous Conservatory
- Three Bedrooms, Re-Fitted Bathroom
- Delightful Rear Garden
- Ample Off Road Parking

£209,995

## RAWNSLEY ROAD, HEDNESFORD

REDUCED



- Viewing Highly Recommended
- Reception Hall, Lounge
- Sitting Room, Diner, Bathroom
- Conservatory, Two DOUBLE bedrooms

OIRO £200,000



- Study, Rear Gardens
- Detached Garage & Ample Driveway

OIRO £200,000

## PURCELL CLOSE, HEATH HAYES

NEW



- An Extended Beautifully Presented Three Storey End Terraced House
- Guest WC, Dining Room, Family Lounge
- Kitchen, Three Bedrooms

£199,950



- Family Bathroom
- Impressive Re-Fitted En-Suite
- Delightful Rear Garden
- Driveway, VIEWING ESSENTIAL

£199,950

## GREENHEATH ROAD, HEDNESFORD

NEW



- A Well Presented Detached Bungalow
- Lounge, Kitchen/Diner, Two DOUBLE Bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Front and Rear Gardens
- Driveway and Detached Garage
- NO UPWARD CHAIN

£190,000

## WRENS CROFT, HEATH HAYES

REDUCED



- A Well Presented Semi Detached House
- Popular Residential Location Overlooking Nature Reserve
- Guest WC, Lounge, Dining Room
- Kitchen, Three Bedrooms
- En-Suite, Family Bathroom
- Two Parking Spaces
- Rear Garden

£185,000

## DEAVALL WAY, HEATH HAYES

NEW



- A Beautifully Presented Three Bedroom Semi Detached House
- Re-Fitted Kitchen, Family Lounge-Diner
- Playroom/Utility, Three Bedrooms
- Ensuite, Family bathroom
- Driveway, Front and Rear Gardens.

£185,000

## STATION ROAD, HEDNESFORD

NEW



- A Well Presented and Improved Duplex Apartment Situated in Cannock Town Centre
- Entrance Hall, Lounge/Diner
- Re-Fitted Kitchen, Guest WC
- Conservatory
- Two DOUBLE bedrooms, Re-Fitted Bathroom
- Front and Rear Gardens, Ample Off Road Parking.

£159,950 NO CHAIN

## STATION COURT, CANNOCK

NEW



- A Modern Well Presented Two Bedroom Semi Detached House
- Entrance Hall, Guest WC
- Modern Kitchen, Lounge/Diner
- Two Double Bedrooms, Bathroom
- Parking to Rear
- Front and Rear Gardens

£153,000

## ABBAY STREET, HEDNESFORD

NEW



- A Well Presented Two Bedroom Semi Detached House
- Lounge, Dining room, Guest WC, Kitchen
- Two DOUBLE Bedrooms, Spacious Family Bathroom
- Detached Garage, Off Road Parking
- Delightful Front and Rear Gardens
- VIEWING ESSENTIAL

£150,000

## VIEW STREET, HEDNESFORD

NEW



- A Very Well Presented Three Bedroom Semi Detached House
- Entrance Hall, Lounge, Re-Fitted Kitchen
- Utility/Store Room, Three bedrooms
- Re-fitted bathroom
- Block Paved Driveway, Enclosed Rear Garden
- VIEWING RECOMMENDED

OIRO £150,000

## MORETON STREET, CANNOCK

NEW



- A Three Bedroom Semi Detached Bungalow
- Entrance hall, Lounge, Kitchen
- Three Bedrooms, Bathroom
- Front and Rear Gardens
- Driveway.
- NO UPWARD CHAIN

£130,000

## FIELDHOUSE ROAD, HEDNESFORD

NEW



- A Spacious Three Bed Semi Detached House
- Entrance Hall, Lounge, Spacious Dining Room
- Ground Floor Bathroom, Kitchen
- Three bedrooms, Provisions for Off Road Parking at Rear
- Front and Good Sized Rear Gardens
- NO UPWARD CHAIN

£129,950

## PENKRIDGE COURT, CANNOCK

NEW



- A Modern Well Presented Duplex Apartment Situated in Cannock Town Centre
- Security Entrance Hall, Lounge/Diner
- Kitchen, Bathroom
- Two DOUBLE Bedrooms, En-Suite
- Allocated Parking
- NO CHAIN

£129,950

## STATION STREET, CHESLYN HAY

NEW



- A Traditional Two Bedroom End Terraced House
- D/G, Gas Connected to Property
- Two Reception Rooms
- Kitchen, Two Double Bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Rear Garden
- NO UPWARD CHAIN

£115,000

## VINE COURT, CANNOCK

NO CHAIN



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Semi Detached Property  
Two Bedrooms  
Landscaped Garden  
Off Road Parking  
NO CHAIN  
EPC C

**Offers Around  
£175,000**

## Earlswood Way, Cannock



**Offers Around £60,000**

Second Floor Apartment  
Two Bedrooms  
Lounge  
Kitchen  
60% Shared Ownership  
EPC C

## Wood Lane, Hednesford



Detached Property  
Four Bedrooms  
Dining Room, Kitchen  
Utility  
Garage  
Awaiting EPC

**Offers Over  
£250,000**

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**Offers Around £90,000**

One Bedroom Apartment  
Lounge / Diner  
Kitchen  
Bathroom  
Ideal First Time Buyer Property  
EPC C

## Blake Close, Cannock



**Offers Around £120,000**

Mid Terrace Property  
Two Bedrooms  
Conservatory  
Rear Garden  
Off Road Parking  
EPC C

## Wimblebury Road, Heath Hayes



**Offers Around £140,000**

End Terrace Property  
Three Bedrooms  
Two Reception Rooms  
Off Road Parking  
NO CHAIN  
EPC F

## Cannock Road, Cannock



**Offers Over £170,000**

Semi Detached Property  
Three Double Bedrooms  
Lounge  
Kitchen  
Rear Garden  
EPC E

## Peregrine Way, Cannock



**Offers Around £179,950**

End Terrace Property  
Three Bedrooms  
Two Bathrooms  
Front & Rear Gardens  
Off Road Parking  
Awaiting EPC

## Hallum Way, Hednesford



**Offers Around £185,000**

Semi Detached Property  
Three Bedrooms  
Lounge / Diner  
Rear Garden  
Off Road Parking  
EPC B

## 10 St Pauls Close, Heath Hayes



Detached Property  
Four Bedrooms  
Lounge, Dining Room  
Kitchen, Utility  
Rear Garden  
EPC D

**Offers Over  
£265,000**

## Lambourne Close, Great Wyrley



**Offers Around £240,000**

Semi Detached Dormer Bungalow  
Four Bedrooms  
Lounge, Dining Room  
Conservatory  
Garage  
EPC D

## Newlands Lane, Cannock



Detached Property  
Three Bedrooms  
Conservatory  
En Suite  
Garage  
EPC D

**Offers Around  
£270,000**

## Poplar Lane, Cannock



Detached Property  
Five Bedrooms  
Three Bathrooms  
Breakfast Kitchen & Utility  
Room  
Good Sized Rear Garden  
EPC D

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Bathroom

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Bathroom  
GCH & DG  
Garden  
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Kitchen  
2 Bedrooms

Bathroom  
GCH & DG  
Rear Garden  
Conservatory  
EPC Rating D

**£625 pcm & FEES - NO DSS**

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Kitchen  
2 Bedrooms

Bathroom  
GCH & DG  
Rear Garden  
Driveway  
EPC Rating C

**£615 pcm & FEES - NO DSS**

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Lounge  
Kitchen Diner  
3 Bedrooms

Bathroom  
GCH & DG  
Rear Garden  
Parking  
EPC Rating D

**£610 pcm & FEES - NO DSS**

**BRIDGTOWN**  
ROMAN COURT A5

Unfurnished  
Ground Floor  
Executive Apartment  
Open Plan Lounge  
Kitchen

2 Bedrooms  
Bathroom  
Electric Heating  
Double Glazing  
Parking

**£600 pcm & FEES - NO DSS**

**BRIDGTOWN**  
DORNEY PLACE

Unfurnished  
2nd Floor Apartment  
Lounge Kitchen  
2 Bedrooms

Bathroom  
Gas Central Heating  
Double Glazing  
Parking  
EPC Rating C

**£550 pcm & FEES - NO DSS**

**HEDNESFORD**  
BROMLEY CLOSE

Unfurnished  
Town House  
Lounge  
Kitchen  
2 Bedrooms

Bathroom  
GCH & DG  
Parking  
Garden  
EPC Rating C

**£525 pcm & FEES - NO DSS**

**CANNOCK**  
FOXES RAKE

Unfurnished  
Town House  
Lounge  
Kitchen  
2 Bedrooms

Bathroom  
GCH & DG  
Garden  
Parking  
EPC Rating C

**£525 pcm & FEES - NO DSS**

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Unfurnished  
Town House  
Lounge  
Kitchen Diner  
1 Bedroom

Bathroom  
Gas Central Heating  
Double Glazing  
Parking  
EPC Rating C

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**CANNOCK**  
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First Floor Flat  
Lounge  
Kitchen  
1 Bedroom

Bathroom  
Electric Heating  
Double Glazing  
Parking  
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Latest upgrades include a rev-matching powertrain

# Best-selling Ford Mustang gets performance and tech upgrade

By James Parker

Ford has announced further upgrades for the new Ford Mustang, enhancing performance and driving experience; comfort and convenience; and delivering more personalisation options for the world's best-selling sports coupe.

The new Ford Mustang 2.3-litre EcoBoost is for the first time offered with new Active Valve Performance Exhaust technology – previously offered only for Mustang 5.0-litre V8 models, enabling drivers to adjust the intensity of their vehicle's exhaust note to suit their mood and the driving scenario. A stylish quad-tailpipe design also features for Mustang 5.0-litre V8.

New rev-matching technology first unveiled for the exclusive Ford Mustang Bullitt special edition model will deliver smoother downshifts as standard for new Mustang 5.0-litre V8 models with six-speed manual transmission, accompanied by a sporty "blip" of the 450PS engine.

A new B&O PLAY audio system option delivers 1000 watts of power through 12 speakers for a premium audio experience, and new colours include vintage-inspired Velocity Blue and dynamic Need for Green.

"Continuous improvement and innovation have been a huge part of Mustang's success during the past 54



Mustang's 2.3-litre EcoBoost engine delivers 290PS

years, which includes 35,000 happy customers in Europe since first going on sale across the region in 2015," said Roelant de Waard, vice president, marketing, sales and service, Ford of Europe. "Our latest upgrades including rev-matching powertrain technology for sporty, precision gear-changes, and a premium 1,000-watt B&O PLAY audio system, deliver even more character and driving appeal for fans of this iconic car."

Active Valve Performance Exhaust settings can be adjusted using Mustang's Drive Modes – Normal, Sport, Track and Snow/Wet, and new Drag Strip Mode and customisable My Mode – via the 12-inch all-digital LCD instrument panel, as well as through the standard 4.2-inch cluster.

An innovative Quiet Mode can also be programmed to automatically limit the exhaust's noise output at pre-programmed times of the day to avoid disturbing neighbours.

Mustang's 2.3-litre EcoBoost engine delivers 290PS and 440Nm of torque alongside 31.4 mpg fuel efficiency and 199g/km CO<sub>2</sub>, when combined with a six-speed manual gearbox. A more responsive and engaging driving experience is delivered with a transient overboost function for the turbocharger – triggered under heavy acceleration to provide an extra burst of boost following each up-shift.

New Ford Mustang 5.0-litre V8 drivers will benefit from rev-matching technology that uses the engine's electronic control system to briefly "blip" the throttle as the driver downshifts – matching the engine rotation speed to that of the gear that is being selected for smooth, seamless gear-changes.

Ford's 450PS 5.0-litre V8 engine has been further developed to deliver more power and a higher rev limit than ever before, supported by a new dual-fuel, high-pressure direct injection and low-pressure port fuel injection system, delivering 23.3mpg fuel-efficiency and 270g/km CO<sub>2</sub> emissions when combined with Ford's 10-speed automatic gearbox.

Customised for the new Mustang's interior environment, the new B&O PLAY premium audio system option delivers a rich audio experience for occupants whichever seat they occupy.

The system features a dual-voice coil subwoofer for deep, crisp bass and high-performance three-way front door speakers for even sound distribution throughout the cabin, enabling customers to get the most from music streamed via Mustang's SYNC 3 communications and entertainment system, which is compatible with Apple CarPlay and Android Auto™.

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# Smile all the way into the sunset in sunny Swift Sport

By Carmel Stewart

If your idea of a fun drive is rev it up, release the handbrake and off you go, then the new Swift Sport is probably not the car for you.

Neatly packaged with some great exterior colours, the newest car in the excellent Suzuki line-up is lower, wider and lighter than the model it replaces and has a new engine, ie new to this car – which adds a fraction more bhp to the mix and a hefty 44 per cent more torque.

This same 'Boosterjet' engine is strutting its stuff under the bonnets of the Vitara and the S-Cross.

It is also a car which has to be worked a little to extract the best from its 1.4litre four-cylinder 140ps turbocharged petrol power pack via the precise six-speed manual box. Point and shoot is fine for the A to B but give it a push and you'll be in the X to Z zone and laughing, or at least smiling, all the way into the sunset.

Behind that sporty steering wheel, sitting snugly in the (very) grippy sports seats, the Swift Sport proved immediately agile, comfortable and composed, requiring no time at all to adjust to any vagaries – there were none.

In town centres it was readily manoeuvrable and unflustered, while on the open road a touch of acceleration and a quick shift of the gears sent it into



Champion Yellow is expected to be a top choice fun mode. Responsive steering and a well set-up suspension added to the finely balanced experience.

And don't be deterred by the figures. Nought to 62mph in 8.1 seconds and a top speed of 130mph may not sound all that exciting but that is only part of the story. To experience the real thing, you need to get behind the wheel.

Suzuki has made the buying process very easy – one engine, one interior, six colours, no options, one price. Actually, this latter is not strictly true. The one price was £17,999 but, as a special introductory offer, Suzuki has knocked £1,500 off that until the end of June. Given the hugely generous spec list, £16,499 is getting close to a very good bargain.

The sporty interior is very comfortable and user friendly with metal pedals and red accents, plus six airbags, DAB radio, LED daytime running lights, Bluetooth, smartphone connectivity, rear view camera, front fog lamps, navigation, 17-inch alloys, all-round electric windows, lane departure warning, adaptive cruise control and high beam assist all fitted as standard.

The five body colours, whether metallic or solid, are included in the price, with Champion Yellow, which harks back to the Suzuki Works Junior Rally Car, expected to be top choice for many.

Hi-tech features include autonomous braking whereby laser sensors and a monocular camera determine when a collision is imminent. An alarm sounds and, if the driver fails to take action, the brakes are deployed in stages.

There is also a drowsiness alert which will sound a buzzer and flash lights should the vehicle start weaving at speeds of more than 37mph – lane dodgers beware.

For those who like to know just how speedy they really are, Suzuki has included an information graphic on the dash displaying the turbo boost, engine output, torque data and G-force tracking.



The Swift Sport proved immediately agile, comfortable and composed

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Class-winner

## Peugeot 5008 SUV scoops tow award

The all-new Peugeot 5008 SUV 2.0 BlueHdi EAT8 S&S GT was selected as number one in the 1550-1699kg category by expert judges from Practical Caravan, What Car?, and Camping & Caravanning.

The seven-seat SUV was praised for its comfort, stability, pulling power – and bold styling – by the panel who tested 44 cars across four key areas: towing, everyday driving, practicality and ownership.

Each car was tested by towing a caravan ballasted to 85% of the car's kerb-weight, or the legal towing limit if that figure is lower. The 5008 SUV performed well in tests including a hill start on a one-in-six slope, an emergency lane change and towing at up to 70mph using GPS technology to judge stability.

Ride comfort, handling prowess, refinement and passenger space were also assessed by expert road testers while seasoned caravanners assessed the boot space and the fitment of towing-friendly features such as a trailer stability system and rear-view camera.

Safety, reliability, running costs and value for money were also considered as part of the Tow Car Awards with the new Peugeot 5008 SUV winning the 1550-1699kg category.

David Motton, tow car editor, Practical Caravan, said: "All our judges were hugely impressed with the all-new Peugeot 5008 SUV. It was exemplary in our lane-change test and stable at speed, too.

"The all-new 5008 SUV rides comfortably, both with and without a caravan hitched up, and the engine is refined and smooth. Inside, the Peugeot is a very practical seven-seater – ideal for family touring holidays. What's more, the 5008 SUV is refreshingly bold and stylish. That may not have clinched the Peugeot's class win, but it certainly didn't hurt!"

## Sustainable push by Volvo for its vehicles



Volvo committed to minimising environment footprint

Volvo is aiming to ensure that from 2025, 25 per cent of the plastics used in its new cars will be made from recycled materials.

The Swedish car maker is also asking industry suppliers to ensure the next generation of automotive components is made as sustainably as possible, making use of recycled plastics wherever they can.

To demonstrate the company's plans, Volvo unveiled a unique version of its XC60 SUV built using a variety of plastic components made from recycled materials.

The main tunnel is created from renewable fibres, while the floor carpets have been made from fibres created by combining recycled cotton mixes and plastic bottles. Used car seats from old Volvo vehicles were used to create the sound-deadening material for underneath the bonnet.

Håkan Samuelsson, president and CEO of Volvo Cars, said: "Volvo Cars is committed to minimising its global environmental footprint. Environmental care is one of Volvo's core values and we will continue to find new ways to bring this into our business. This car and our recycled plastics ambition are further examples of that commitment."

It follows on from an announcement last month, in which the car maker said it would be eradicating the use of single-use plastics across all of its premises and events by the end of 2019. In addition, Volvo has committed to a plan of electrifying all new Volvo cars launched by the end of 2019, with the aim being to ensure that fully-electric cars make up 50 per cent of the manufacturer's car range by 2025.

# Mazda RX-7: celebrating an icon for its 40 birthday

By James Parker

The year was 1978, UK inflation hit a six-year low, the Bee Gees dominated the charts, while flared trousers and bouffant hair was the height of fashion. It was also the year that Mazda unveiled the RX-7, a car that played a vital role in establishing Mazda's reputation for building celebrated driver's cars.

In the 1970s car makers the world over found themselves faced with the grim reality of a global fuel crisis. Soaring petrol prices meant few drivers wanted to own big, gas-guzzling V8 sports cars, so a new approach was needed. Responding to the challenging environment, Mazda's brightest brains set about creating a new kind of sports car – one that would be smaller, lighter, more efficient and – most important of all – fun to drive.

So in the home market of Japan, Mazda revealed the ground-breaking RX-7. Its compact yet powerful rotary engine allowed the power unit to be mounted lower and further back resulting in a car that set new standards in road holding. The formula was a hit with customers and critics alike. Car and Driver magazine, one of America's most influential car magazines, placed the Mazda RX-7 on its annual Ten Best list five times.

The original RX-7 'FB' proved a huge success. More than 470,000 driving enthusiasts bought one, before the second generation 'FC' model was introduced with turbo power in 1985. The third generation 'FD' followed in 1992 until production of the iconic RX-7 ended in 2002.

In addition, the RX-7's success in competition around the globe further cemented its position as one of the world's best sports cars. The RX-7 took overall victory in the 1981 Spa 24 hours, competed at Le Mans, took part in the awe-inspiring world of Group B rallying and claimed the 1980 and 1981 BTCC titles. In the USA, the RX-7 took an unmatched 100 wins in 12 years of IMSA competition and won the GTU class at the 1979 Daytona 24 hours.

Win Percy, the British racing driver who took both the RX-7s BTCC championships, was blown away by the speed of the Mazda RX-7: "I won the title in 1980 and team owner Tom Wilkinshaw said: 'Let's go for it and try to win races outright next year.' We duly did, beating the Rovers and Capris and I took the title again. It was a very capable little car – you really could call it a giant killer."

And Pierre Dieudonné who drove a Mazda RX-7 to victory in the 1981 24 Hours of Spa said: "That win was very important to Mazda. It was the first time a Japanese car manufacturer had won that race – the RX-7 didn't have the image of something like a Porsche. But winning at Spa gave it the prestige."

To mark the 40th anniversary of the Mazda RX-7, Mazda brought together all three generations of the sports car in a film that documents the evolution of the most successful model to be powered by a rotary engine: view at [youtu.be/jaOtLK4hDF8](http://youtu.be/jaOtLK4hDF8)



Classic Mazda RX-7s star in a special birthday celebration



One of the last RX-7s produced in 2002 at the end of its production

# Be alert to early signs of road rage

Road safety and breakdown cover specialist GEM Motoring Assist is encouraging drivers to protect themselves by being alert to early signs of road rage.

The warning follows release of disturbing dashcam video appearing to show an angry driver in the West Midlands shunting a fellow motorist and causing a high-speed crash.

GEM road safety officer Neil Worth commented: "Most of us will have some experience of being on the receiving end of someone else's aggression.

"Thankfully, violent and unprovoked attacks are very rare, but it pays to be observant and if possible to recognise any signs of trouble at their earliest stages."

GEM has identified a few steps (taken from its 'Courtesy on the Road' leaflet) that will hopefully reduce the risk for a driver of being the target of someone else's aggression:

1 Keep calm and show restraint. Every journey brings the risk of frustration and conflict. Make a pledge to be patient. Avoid using your horn or making gestures in anger.

2 Avoid competition and resist the desire to 'get even'. If the standard of someone else's driving disappoints you, don't attempt to educate or rebuke them.

3 Don't push into traffic queues. If you wait and clearly signal, you won't wait long before another driver lets you in. But they don't like being forced into giving way.

4 Say thank you, say sorry, Courtesy encourages co-operation on the road. If you make a mistake (and we all do!) or perhaps cut things a bit fine, then a gesture of apology avoids confrontation and helps defuse anger.

5 Move away from trouble. If you feel seriously threatened by another driver, then ensure your car doors locked and drive (at legal speed) to the nearest police station or busy area (petrol station forecourts are ideal). Use your mobile phone to alert the police. Pressing the horn repeatedly or continuously is likely to deter a potential attacker.

Neil Worth concludes: "We encourage drivers to leave plenty of time for their journeys, which means they can feel calm and in control at the wheel.

"Stress can lead to risk taking, and this in



Keep calm and show restraint

turn increases the likelihood of aggressive incidents. We also urge drivers to avoid becoming involved in situations they recognise as dangerous or risky.

"If you're worried about another driver

who may be in danger, then stop and call the police." Free copies of GEM's Courtesy on the Road leaflet are available for download from <http://www.motoringassist.com/the-gem-story/leaflets/>





Aimed at the family buyer, it shares that seven-slot grille and Jeep badging and engines with its siblings

# Time to start planning your Jeep adventure?

By Carmel Stewart

I have to confess to being a big Jeep fan, the rough and rugged Wrangler with its removeable doors and roof, and fold down windscreen being top of my list. It is a vehicle built for rallies, rivers, mud and slush and is bought by adventurous outdoorsy types who can build shelters out of twigs, light a fire without matches and live off the land. Not me then.

The brand-sharing newly updated Compass is an altogether different proposition and perhaps more my mark. Aimed at the family buyer, it shares that seven-slot grille and Jeep badging and engines with its more audacious siblings but is clearly a more refined, more mainstream choice. And, given that it has headed straight for the exceedingly competitive SUV segment, that is probably a wise move on Jeep's part.

It comes with plenty of choice – five engines – two petrol and three diesel; three trims – Sport, Longitude and Limited, with a top spec Trailhawk on the way; manual or automatic gearing; and two-wheel drive or four-wheel drive, thus ensuring that every possible base is covered.

## Amount

Prices for the entry-level Sport, start at a not unreasonable £23,040, especially given the amount of standard kit which includes a five-inch touch screen, Bluetooth, DAB radio, smart phone connectivity, automatic headlights, day time running lights, cruise control, brake assist, forward collision warning, hill start assist, 16-inch aluminium wheels, and, of course, a compass. Also fitted as standard is a highly efficient lane departure warning system which tweaks the steering wheel should you cross the white lane without indicating. But this version is only available as a front-wheel-drive manual with the 1.6 litre diesel engine.

Every additional trim level adds more kit, more engine choices and more money, so the Compass Longitude starts at £25,000 for the 2WD, 1.4 litre 140hp petrol engine, again with the manual transmission.

The tested, very comfortable, Limited adds an 8.4-inch touch screen, smartphone connectivity, GPS navigation, heated leather well-padded front seats, electric lumbar adjustment, a heated steering wheel, rain sensitive wipers, parallel and perpendicular park assist, rear view camera, 18-inch wheels and trailer sway damping. Every version has a spacious, well-built



The high driving position affords good all-round visibility



There is a large, flat-loading, practical boot

interior with plenty of leg and head room. The high driving position affords good all-round visibility and the large, flat-loading, practical boot means there is no need to clutter up the cabin with luggage. The vehicle's looks can be jazzed up by opting for a metallic exterior colour with a contrasting roof. Bronze with a black top, for example, will add £1,100 to the final tally.

On the road, the 1.6 MultiJet 120hp diesel engine tested proved slightly less refined than some of its rivals, being a little noisy on start-up. Once warmed up and rolling, however, it showed itself to be a smooth operator and well up to the task of tackling country lanes and dual carriageways as well as the inevitable motorways. And it does have the huge plus of being delightfully economical. Official figures show a very pleasant average of 64.2mpg. If the 1.4litre MultiAir II 140hp petrol is your preferred choice, expect around 46mpg.

Its six-speed manual transmission

was sharp and to the point and the suspension well suited to UK roads. Opt for the 4WD automatic and Selec-Terrain is included which allows for a smooth passage over sand, snow and mud. It also allows the driver to lock the central diff, thus splitting the torque equally between the front and rear axles for increased traction in severe conditions. Prices for the Compass Limited start at £28,000 for the manual front-driven 1.4 litre petrol, with a premium of £995 added for the 1.6 MultiJet engine.

Transmission-wise, there are two gearboxes – a six-speed manual or a nine-speed automatic.

The four-wheel-drive system of the Limited model is Active Drive I. Hang fire until September when the new Trailhawk is due and you'll be able to put Active Drive II to the test. It features Rock mode for crawling, Hill Descent Control and Low-Range transfer.

Time to start planning your Rubicon (family) adventure, perhaps.

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### Deaths

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### Deaths

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July 6, 2018 at St Luke's  
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SIMMS

Margaret Ann

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The Funeral Service will take  
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THOMAS

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An early Wolves kit featuring stripes in 1904



Peter Broadbent in a vintage 1950s strip



All gold was worn in the 1960s



Captain Mike Bailey lifts the League Cup in 1974

# Kitted out throughout the years



Andy Gray in another League Cup winning kit, 1980

## GOLD shirt, black shorts... sounds simple, doesn't it?

Wolves' famous colours are known the world over but due to contractual obligations to try to persuade fans to fork out the best part of £50 a year, the classic gold and black look has been tampered with many times over the years – with good and bad results.

Wolves of course actually started life playing in red and white stripes, perish the thought, and while the stripes stayed until 1922, the colour quickly changed to a deep gold and black.

Conquered

For 40 or so years came the definitive classic gold shirts and black shorts, including through the club's glorious heyday of the 1950s where the 'old gold' was gloriously prominent as Stan Cullis' team conquered the country and beat some of Europe's finest.

The old gold extended to shorts in the 1960s and then from the 1970s onwards came a fancy new logo and a darker shade of gold, worn by Mike Bailey when lifting the 1974 League Cup. Technology allowed for synthetic fibres to be worn by the time 1980 came around when another League Cup victory saw Wolves wear their last sponsor-free shirt.

## SPORTING FEATURE

By Tim Spiers

Tatung and Benjamin Perry were the club's first sponsors but due to successive relegations and the worst period in Wolves' history, they aren't remembered half as fondly as Staw Distribution whose logo adorned shirts in the Steve Bull renaissance era, which included a Wembley win in the Sherpa Van Trophy in 1988. After four years of pinstripes, the faint two-shaded stripes were also a hit with fans.

Then, to coincide with the start of years of decline, a ghastly shirt complete with tyre marks (to reflect Goodyear's sponsorship) was unveiled in 1992 – and prematurely scrapped a year later.

A no-nonsense 1994 edition complete with a return to the Wolverhampton coat of arms was a rare success in the modern kit era.

In 1996 came a love-it-or-hate-it wolf head template kit with plenty of black on the arms. A far more popular version of the black sleeves came in 2014. A number have been met with general indifference – but the new old gold version could prove popular choice.



The 2014 side donned smart sleeves



The 1992 tyre marks as worn here by Paul Cook



John De Wolf in a 1994 classic with coat of arms



Steve Bull celebrates a goal in a 1996 wolf head kit



Danny Batth models the new old gold home kit

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The pair go in search of Midlands glory at Walsall Football Club on Friday, July 20.

Gower, aged 25, from Burton, is undefeated in his opening six fights as a pro having made his debut in 2015. Hard-hitting, Gower has three stoppages on his record to date.

Foster, five years Gower's junior, is unbeaten in nine outings with eight wins and one draw to his name. He turned over in 2015 and has two knockouts to his name to date.

"It's a mouth-watering clash," said BCB's Head of Boxing Errol Johnson. "They're both confident enough to put their unbeaten records to the test and it's a chance to pick up a BBBoC bona fide belt."

Also on the bill, sponsored by Grosvenor Casino Walsall, is Chasetown lightweight Luke Jones and Walsall featherweight Rachel Ball. More names will be added.

Tickets, priced at £35 standard unreserved and £65 VIP ringside, to include a buffet, are on sale from the Walsall FC box office on 01922 651414 or by contacting the boxer direct.

The weigh-in and aftershow party will take place at Grosvenor Casino Walsall, Bentley Mill Drive, Walsall, just off junction 10 of the M6.

## Former player Burr snaps up Pitmen's Thorley for Rangers

STAFFORD Rangers boss Steve Burr has moved to snap up Tom Thorley from his former club Hednesford Town.

Thorley, from Stone, had a spell with Rangers in the 2008/09 season. The 28-year-old central midfielder has also played for Worcester City and AFC Telford United, and has joined Boro for a 'small fee'.

Defender Charlie Gatter has committed to Hednesford for the forthcoming campaign, however.

Gatter, 20, initially arrived on loan at Keys Park from Gainsborough Trinity. After seeing his loan extended for consecutive months his deal was eventually extended until the end of last season, with him playing 23 times and scoring three goals.

Manager Rob Smith said: "I'm delighted to be able to bring Charlie back to the football club. He is a young lad who will only get better."

The Pitmen's pre-season visit to Heath Hayes has been brought forward by 24 hours to Monday July 9, kick-off 7.45pm, as the original date would clash with a World Cup semi-final.

## Shelley misses race but still leads way

THERE were a few new faces flying the Staffordshire and Black Country flag during round three of the Darley Moor Motorcycle Club Championships.

Burntwood's Lloyd Shelley missed the round, but still leads the Formula 600 class series on 27 points.

Spectators were treated to a day of superb action at the Derbyshire track, with Biddulph's Matt Zschiesche just missing out on second place in the Formula 600 class in the opening race by

0.3 seconds. With winning rider James Pearson not making the grid in the second race, Zschiesche took the runner-up spot from Rich Baker. Shelley also held on to third place in the Peak Cup standings on 16 points, with Harry Jackson top on 31 and Ben Scranage second with 22.

Willenhall's McAuley Longmore chased Callum Beach for the Formula 125 victory, passing him on the penultimate lap.

Sutton Coldfield's Tony Baker and passenger Mike Killingsworth were comfortably leading the

first sidecar race when they failed to finish the penultimate lap, handing the victory to Anthony Eades and his Wolverhampton passenger Keith Box.

In the second race, the Eades and Box pairing failed to finish lap six while lying in third place, paying the way for Gary Wilson and Mark Griffiths to take the victory.

Wolverhampton's Richard Evans also enjoyed a positive weekend, securing two top five finishes in the Open Pre Injection class.

# VICTORY SEES HAWKS SOAR

C&R Hawks moved up to third place in the Birmingham League division two following an 83-run victory over local rivals Penkridge.

Former England Test player Kabir Ali was the only Hawks batsman to score more than 24 in their total of 224 all out, hitting 160 from 113 balls.

He struck 23 fours and seven sixes to see off the threat of Nihal Shilar (5-49) and Laeq Chishti (3-48). In reply, Penkridge collapsed to 141 all out after opener Mohammed Ishtiaq scored 46. Kabir Ali took 3-20 to add to his efforts with the bat, while Omar Ali bowled as well to finish with 4-10.

Milford Hall were winners in a third division local derby against Lichfield, cruising to a six-wicket win, with four overs in hand, after restricting Lichfield to 222-8.

For Lichfield, there were half-centuries from Tom Stone (57) and Jack Warren (53) with James Davis taking 3-65 for Milford. Davis (53) also played well with the bat for Milford but an unbeaten 63 from Tom Eley took them to victory.

Half-centuries for Patrick Knott (54), Andy Malkin (52) and Matthew Deyzel (66 not out) helped Hammerwich to victory over Aldridge in the Staffs Clubs Championship. Having put the visitors in, Aldridge saw their opponents rack up 292-6 and were all out for 105 in reply with Craig Jennings taking 4-22.

Paul McHale top-scored with 38 as Rugeley mustered up just 100 in a three-wicket defeat to Brewrod.

Cannock saw Elliott Horton and Connor Shingler take three wickets each but 91 from Matt Stone and contributions from Daniel Wilks (45) and Omar Ali (41) helped Whittington to 288-9. Shingler (45) and Daniel Wood (75) put on 98 for the first wicket, but Stone (5-30) and Ali (4-42) combined to dismiss Cannock for 42 short at 246. Cannock 3rds were successful, however, winning by two wickets after bowling out Burntwood St Matthews for 150.

## Softball festivals prove big hit



Ladies enjoy one of the softball cricket festivals in Staffordshire

A SERIES of Softball Cricket Festivals for women are taking place all over Staffordshire this summer.

The eight-a-side games provide an opportunity for ladies and girls over 14 to try out the game in a safe environment.

Rugeley Cricket Club has already hosted a successful event while Penkridge plays host on July 15, from 1pm. Leisa Wylie, from Penkridge Cricket Club and Staffordshire Cricket, said: "It's all about getting together to enjoy the game whether you've played before or never picked up a bat."

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Every team that enters will receive a free ECB team kit bag and there will be a festival T-shirt for individuals that sign up. Those interested can come as a team or as an individual who will be assigned to a team. Contact enquiries@staffordshirecricket.co.uk for more details.

## Little belter as Dakota strikes gold

A 10-YEAR-OLD martial artist struck gold in a coveted karate tournament.

Dakota Richardson was one of a strong contingent from EWSKA Chasetown at the seventh World Union of Karate-Do Federations (WUKF) competition in Dundee.

The youngster came home with a gold in the kumite shobu nihon female children under-10s category, as well as a bronze in a team event, the kumite rotation discipline alongside Amelia McQuillan and Katie Walter.

Matt Broadhead, already a world champion, claimed gold again – in the kumite shobu sanbon 85kg male seniors 21-to-35-year-olds as the club returned with 11 medals in all and finished 22nd out of 84 federations.

### Rotation

Broadhead also picked up a silver in the open weight category and a bronze in the team rotation with Adam Roberts and Francis Barham.

Broadhead was one of three world champions representing the club, along with Adam Shaw and Deradie Harding.

Shaw, aged 19, brought home a silver in the kata ryu + shorin male juniors 18-to-20 years and a bronze for the kumite shobu sanbon male juniors 85kg. There were also bronze medals also for 11-year-old James Pearce (kumite shobu nihon male children over 11 over 150cms) and for Matthew Richards, 13 (kata wado ryu male mini cadets 13-14 years).

A club spokesman said: "The squad of 18 faced some very tough competition and all worked extremely hard to be part of such a big event."

The club is hoping to attract sponsorship and new members.

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Dakota Richardson on the podium

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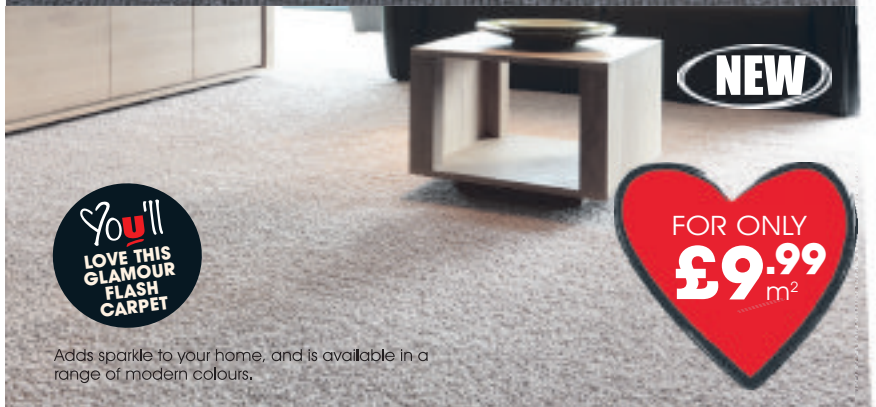
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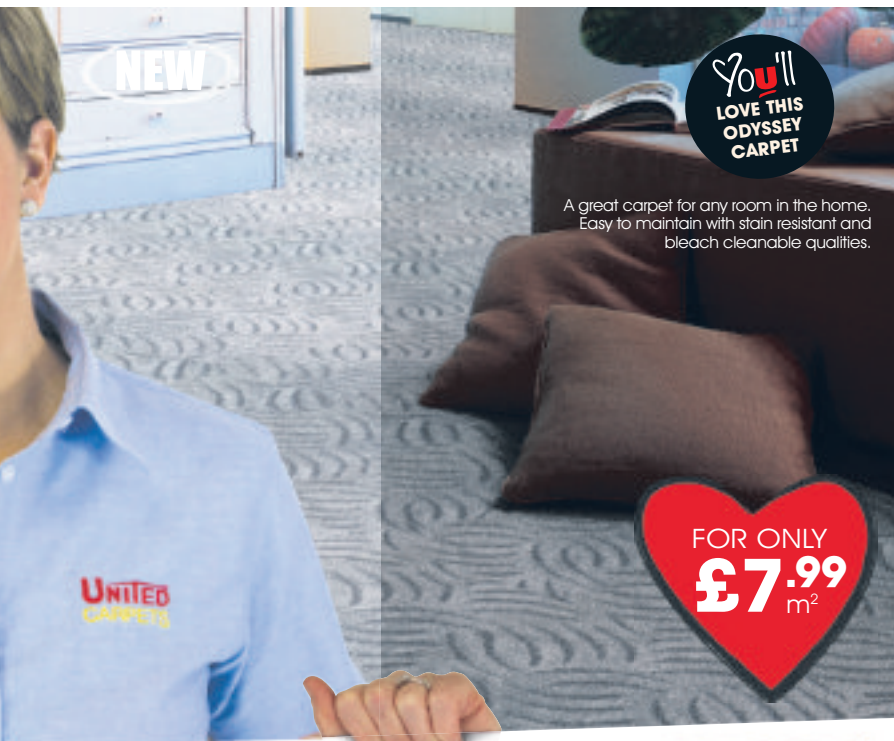


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